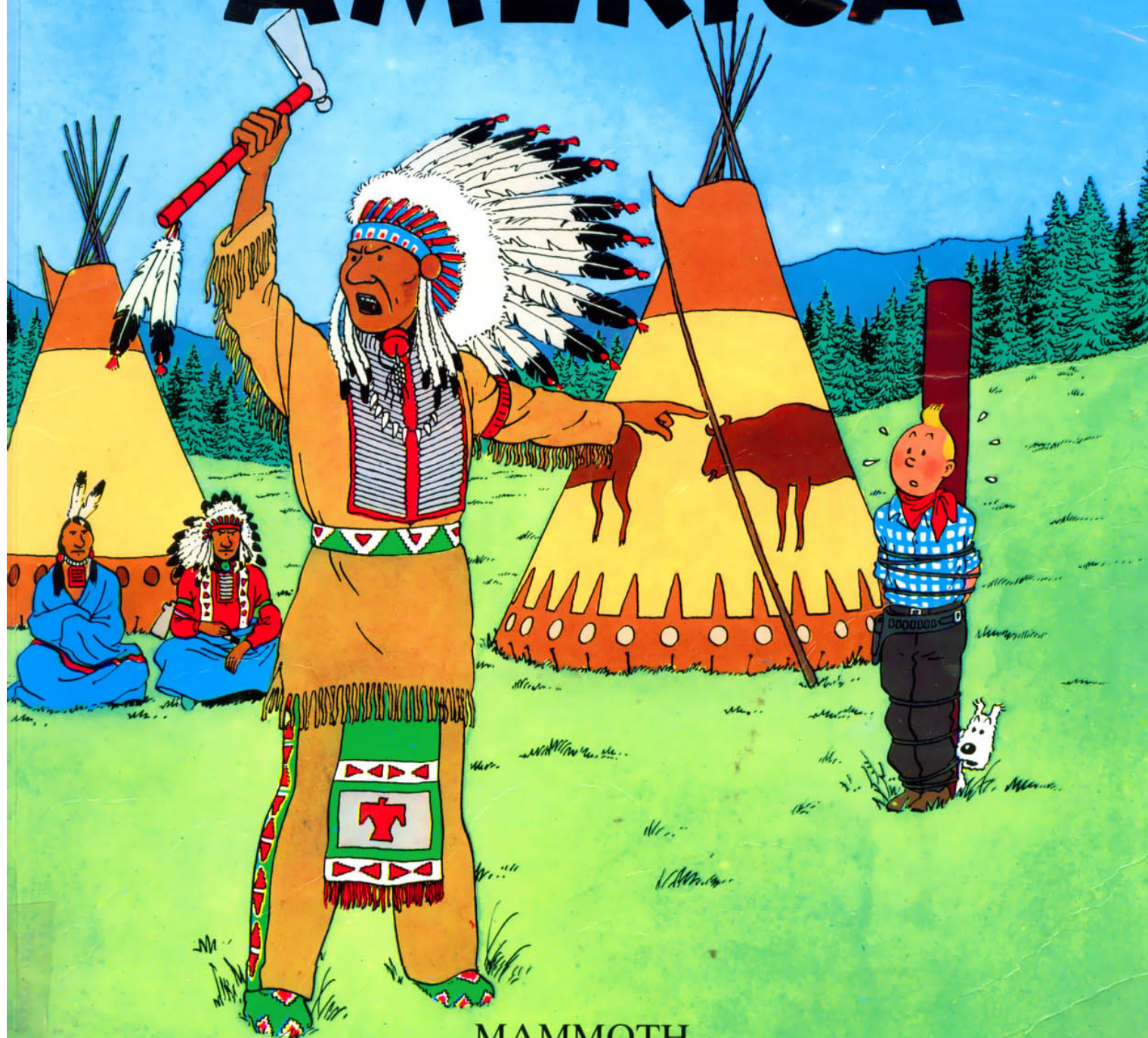


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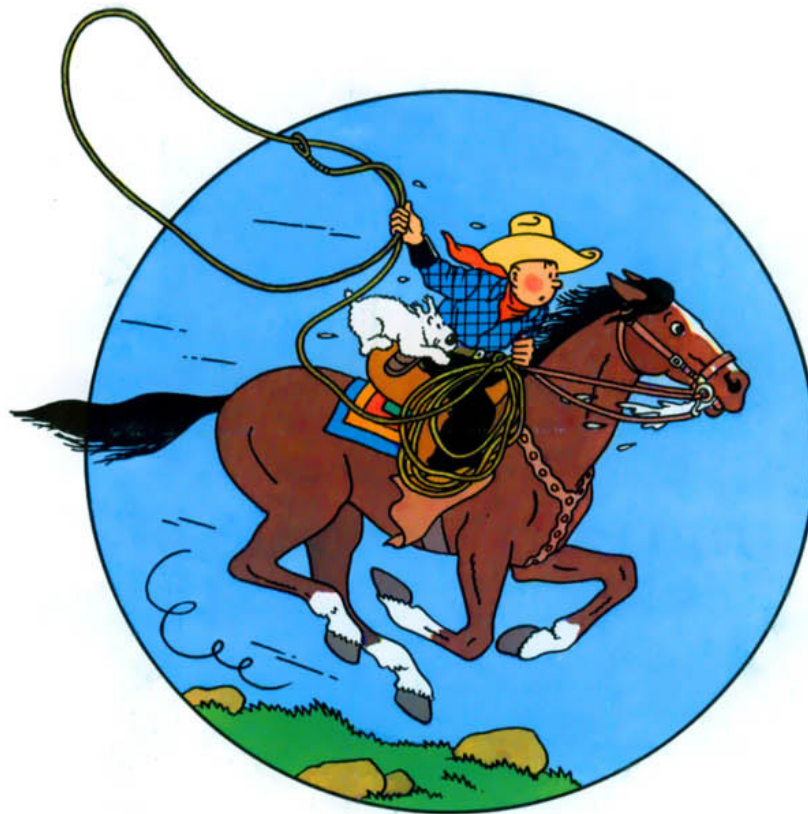


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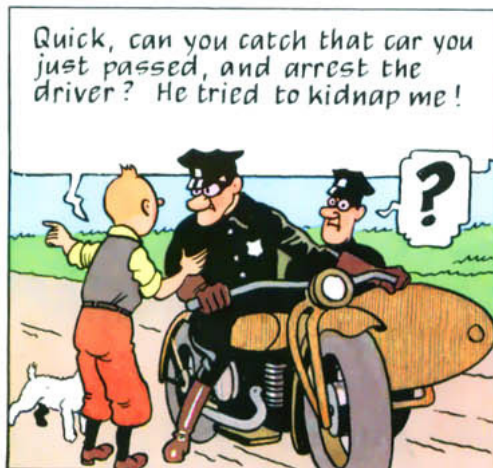
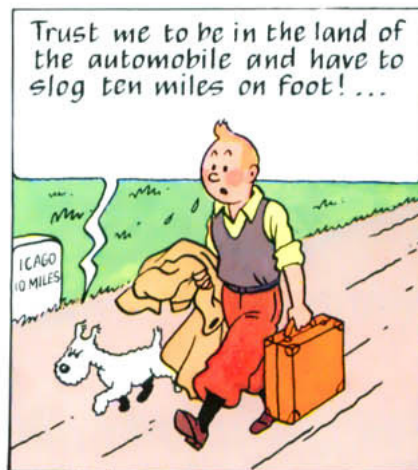
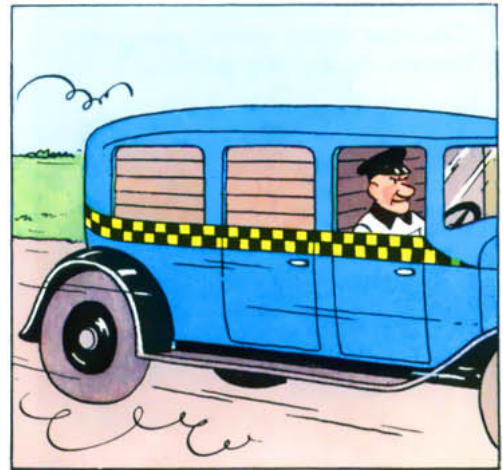
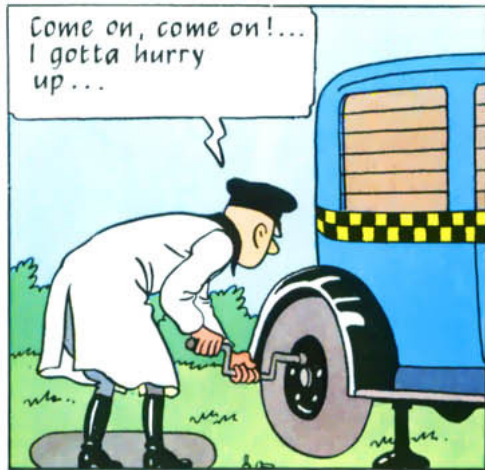
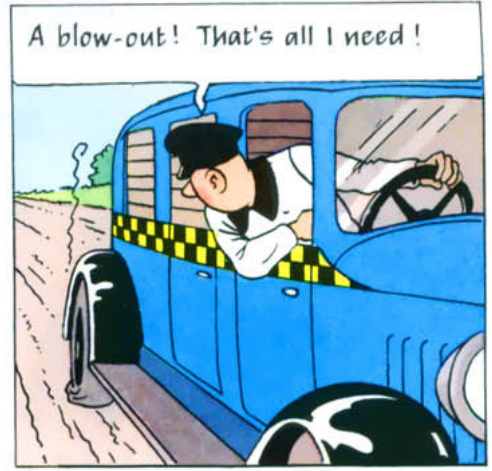
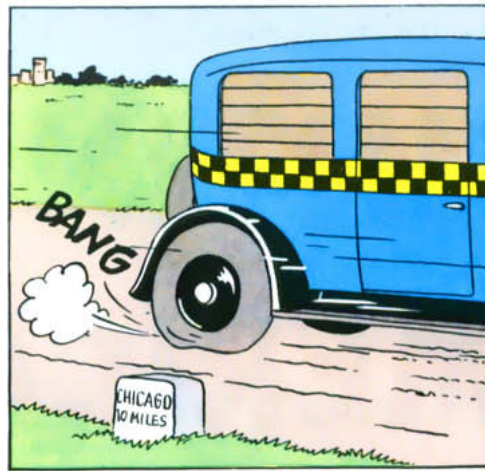
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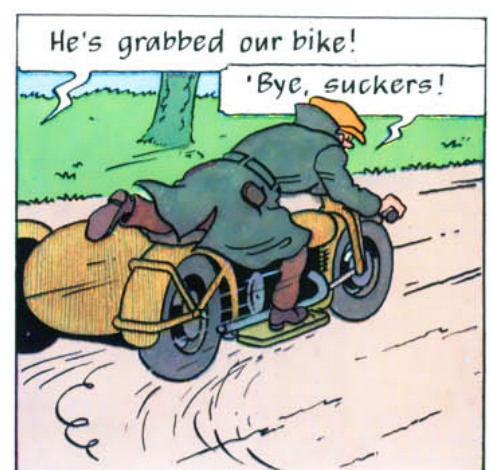
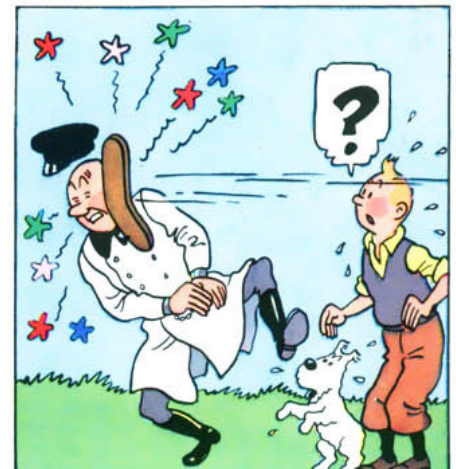
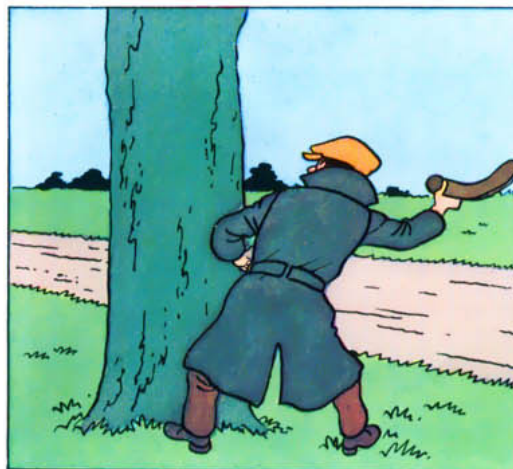
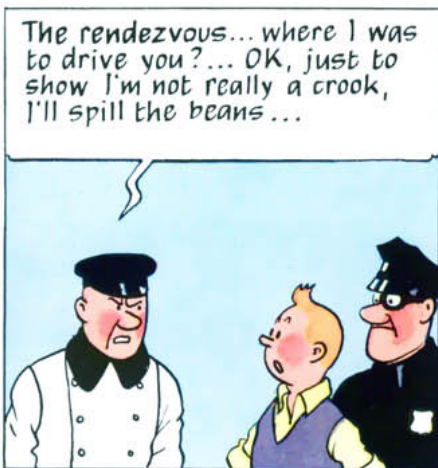
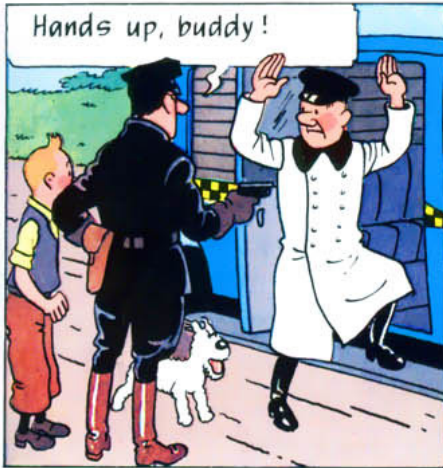
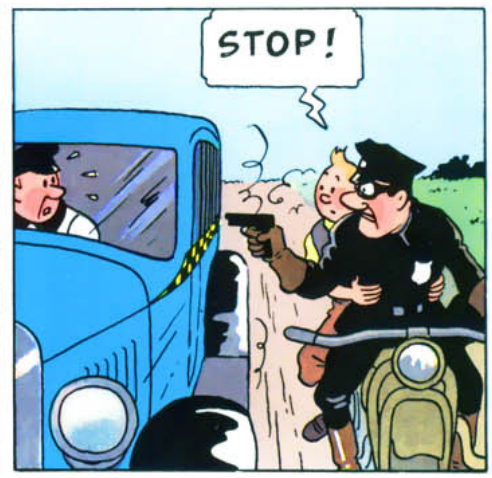
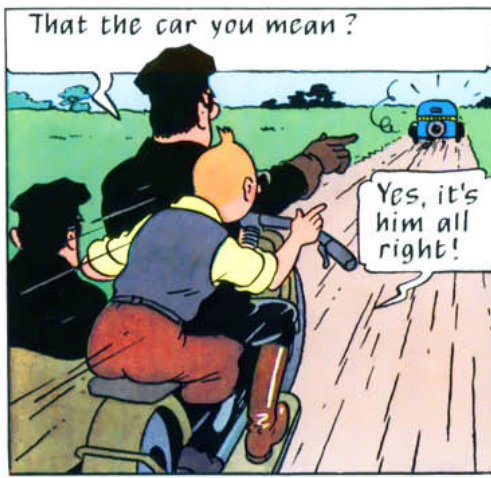
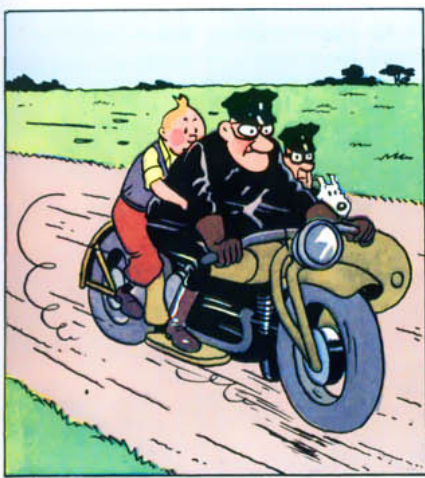
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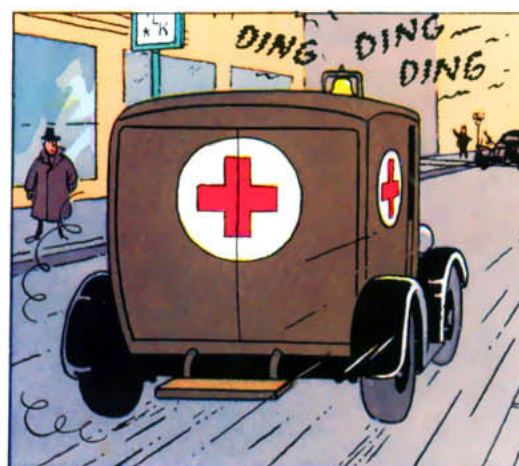
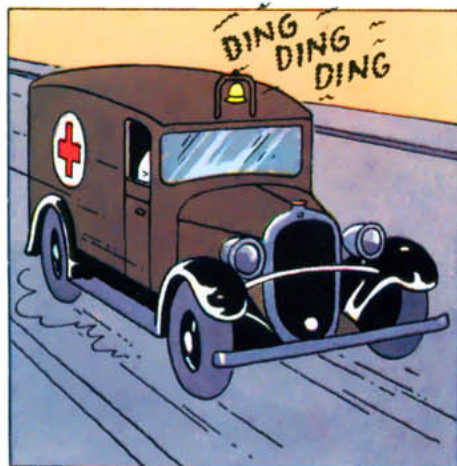
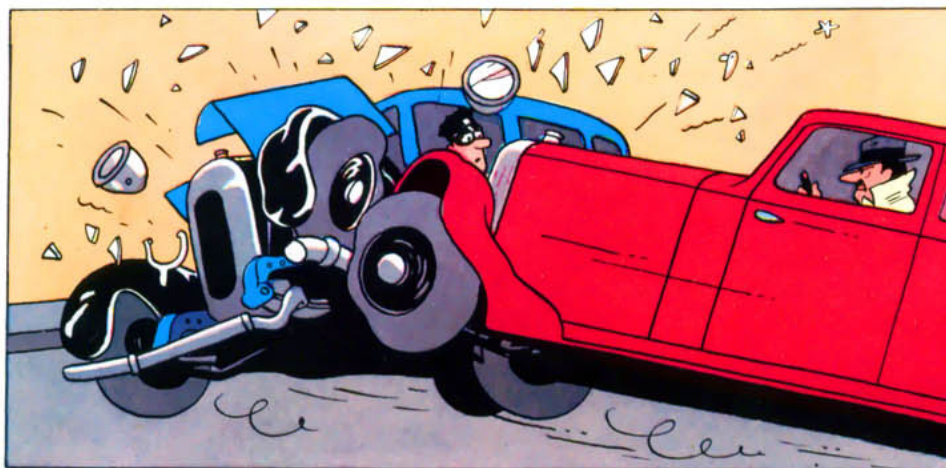
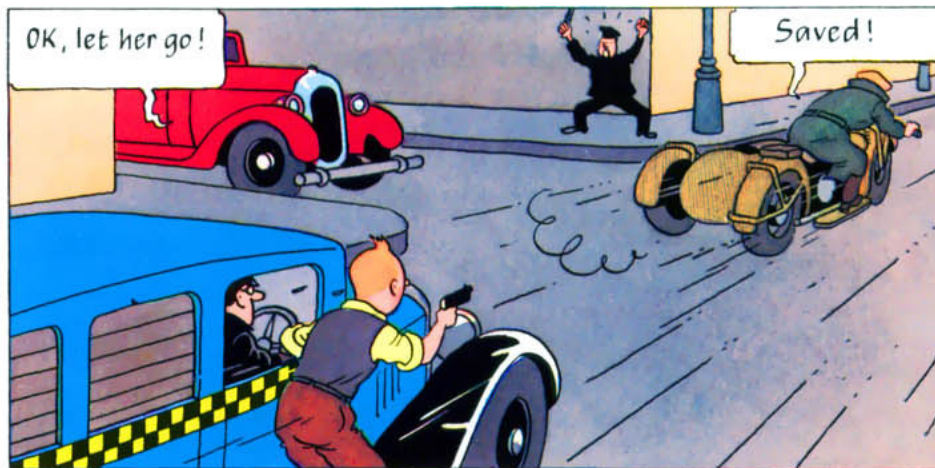
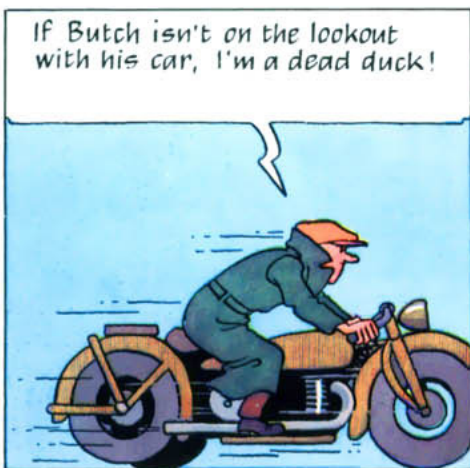
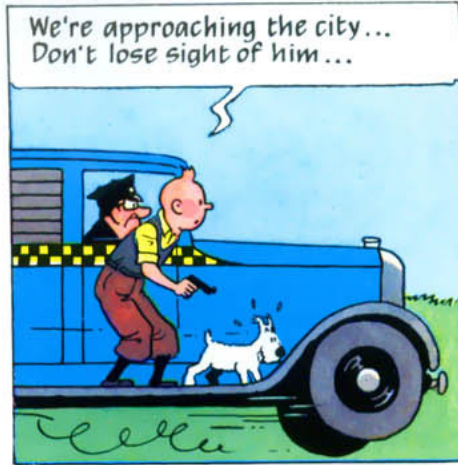
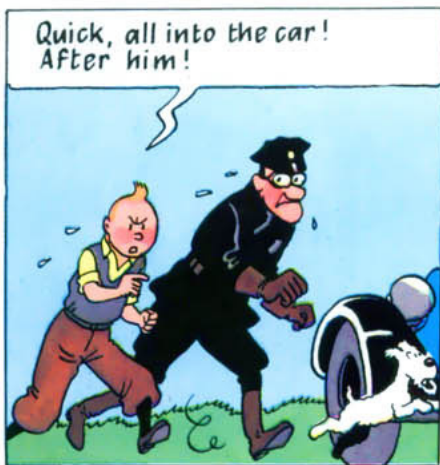
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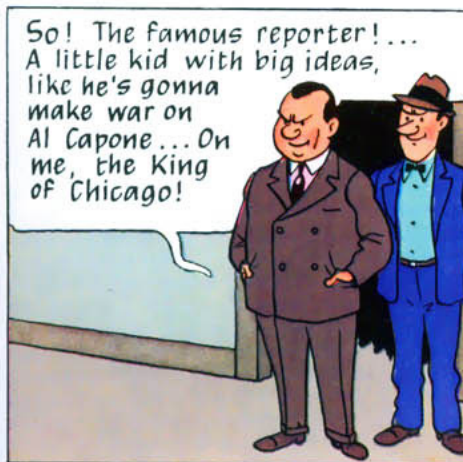
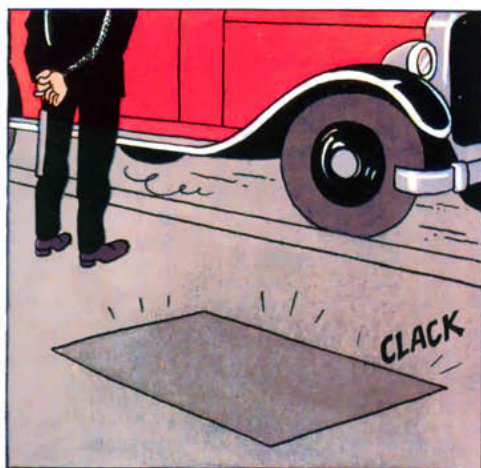
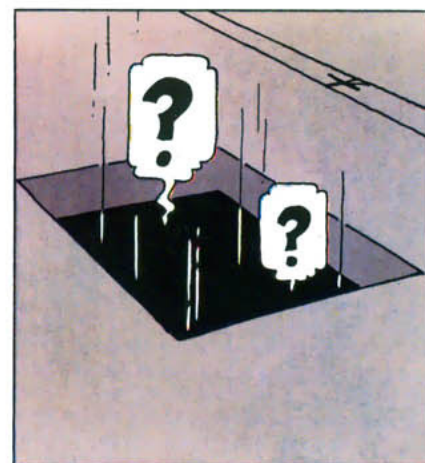
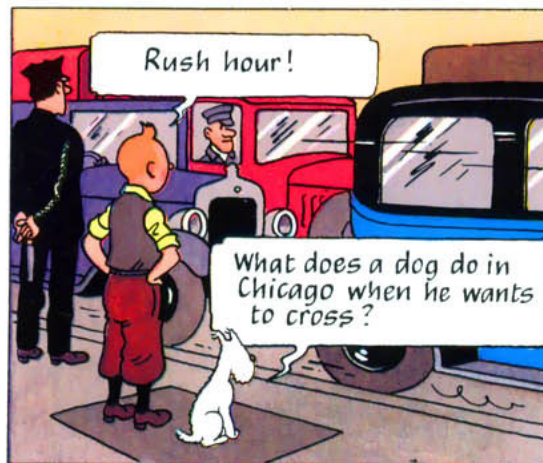
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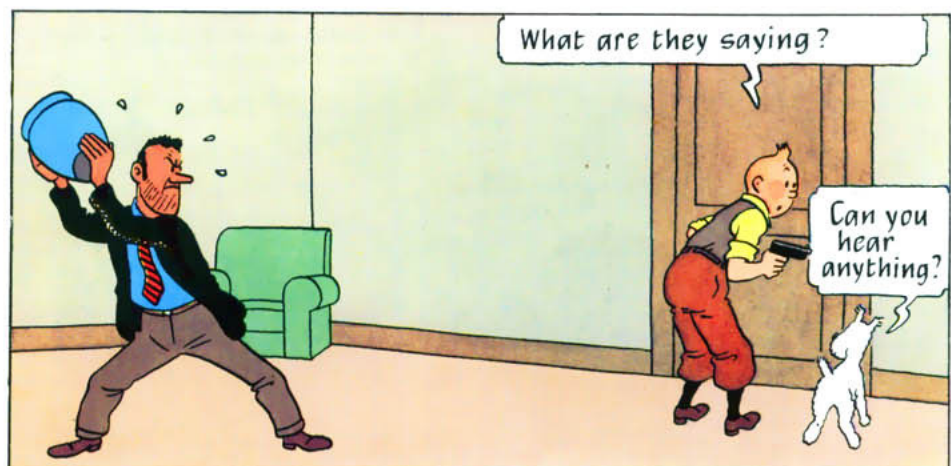


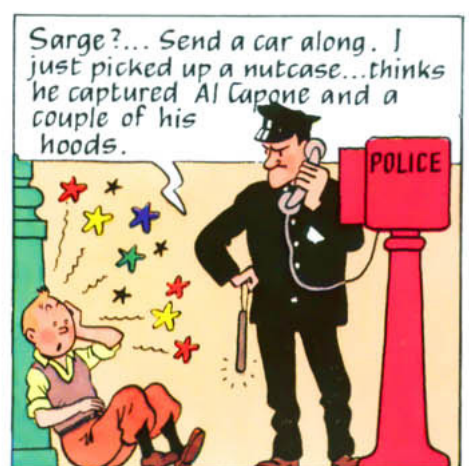
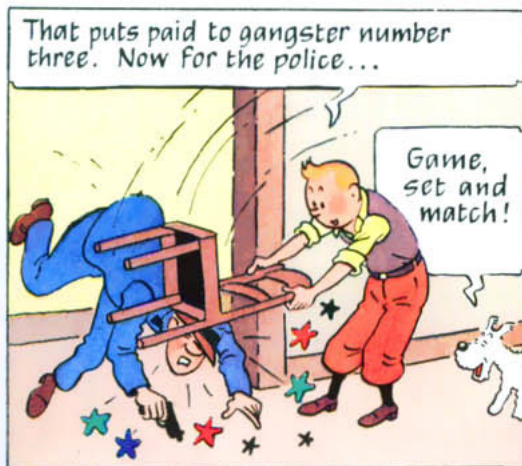
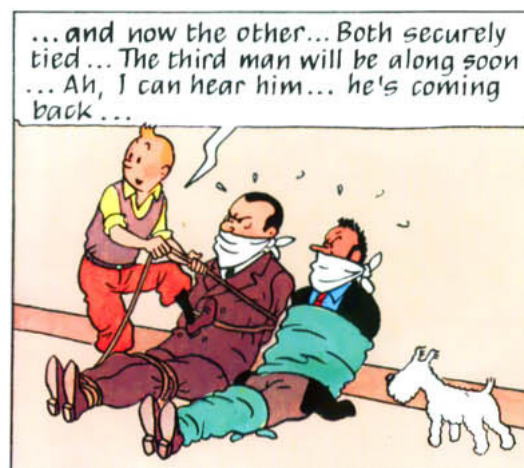
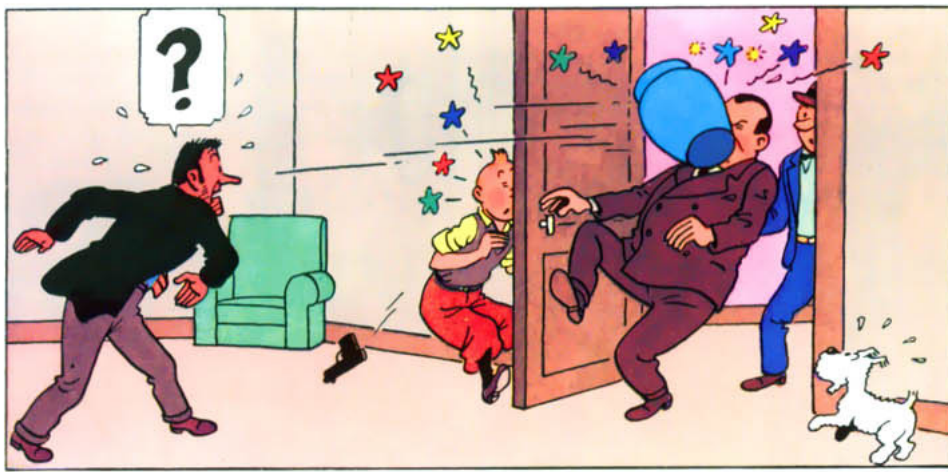


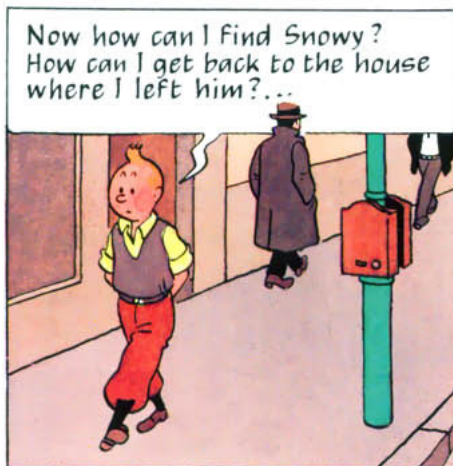
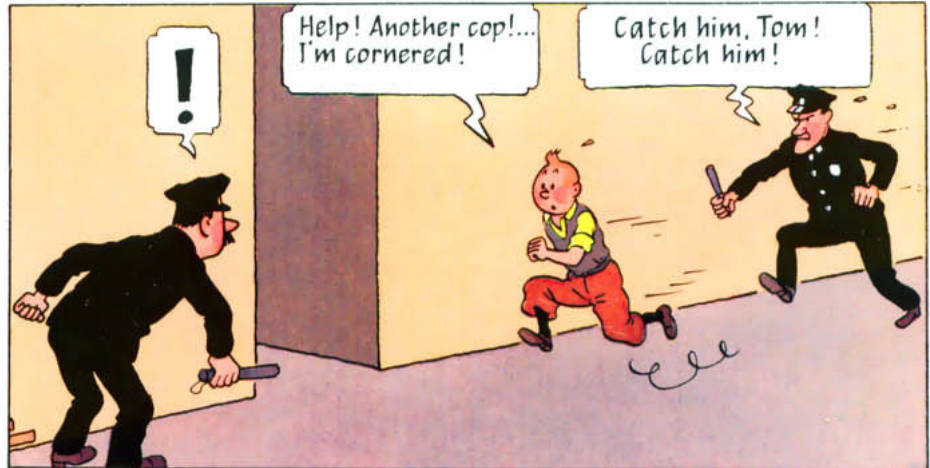
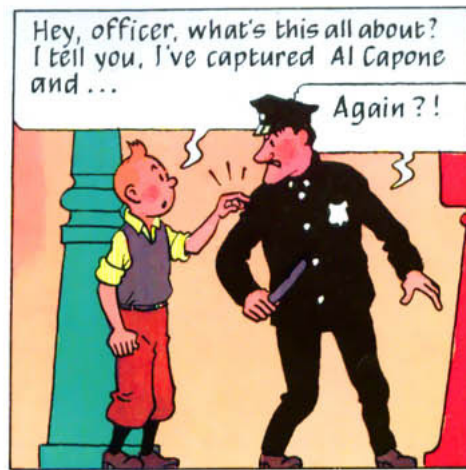
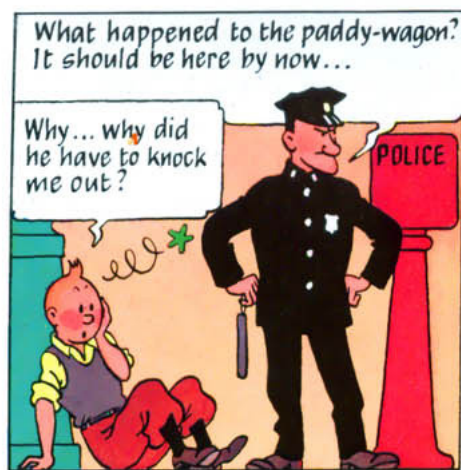


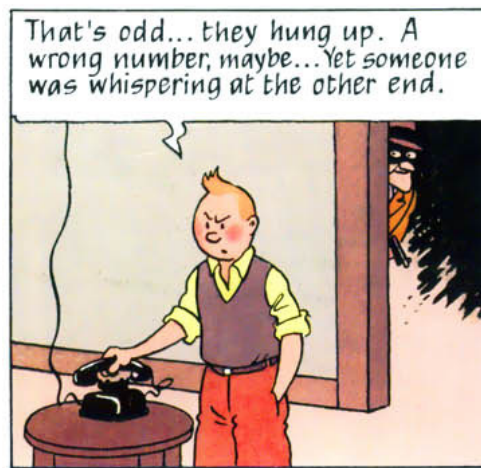
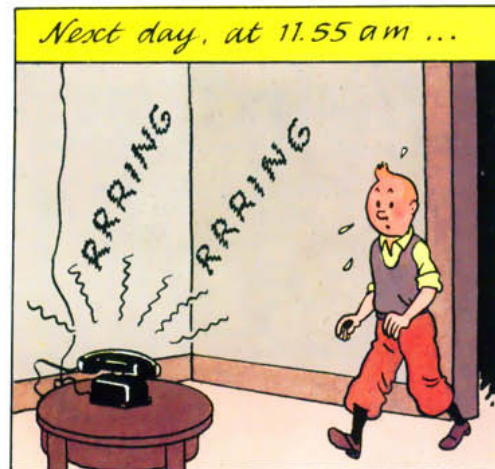
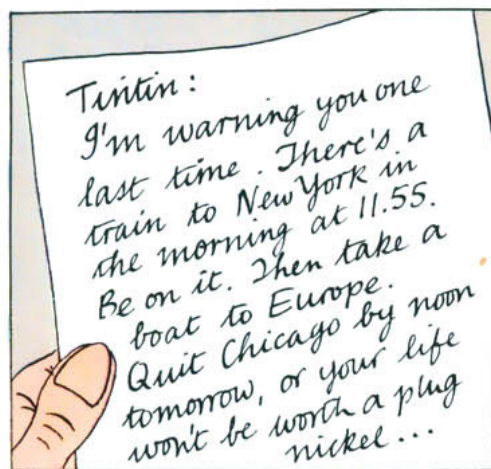


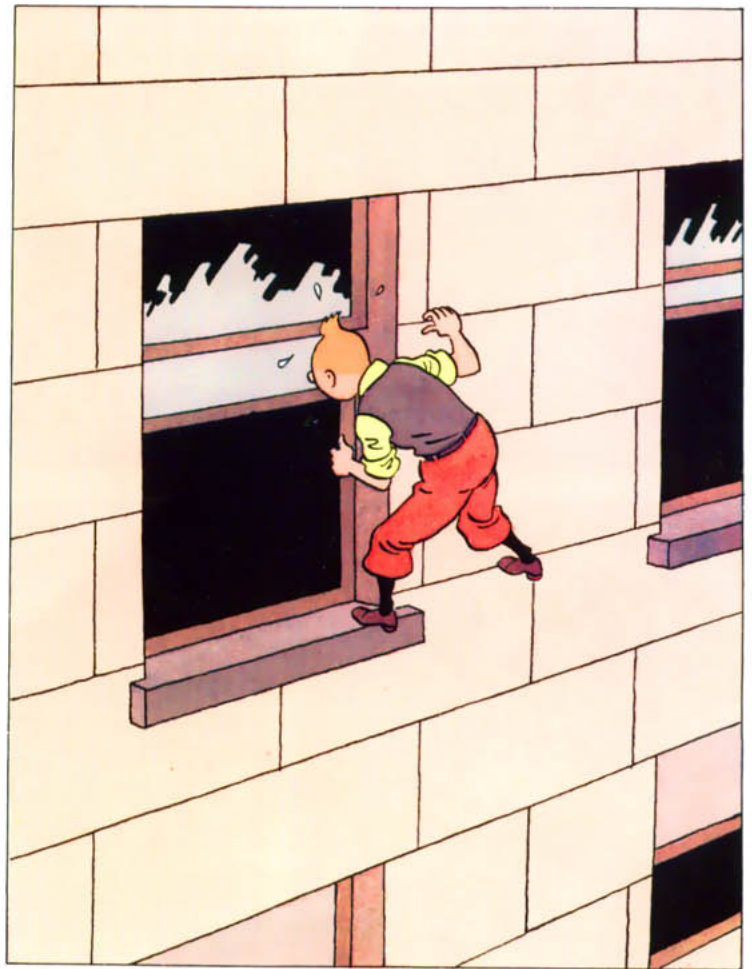
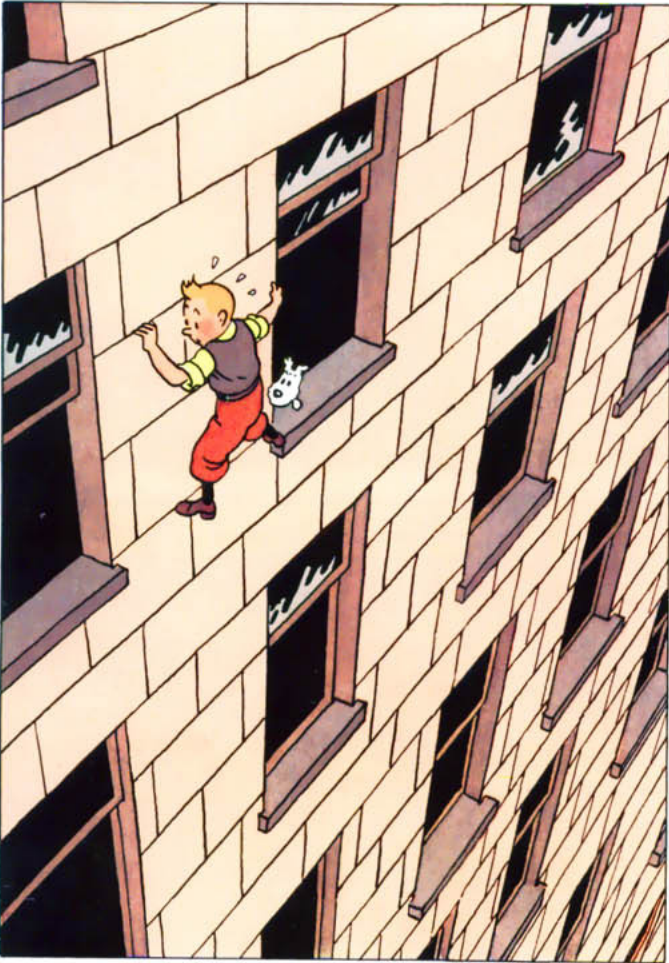


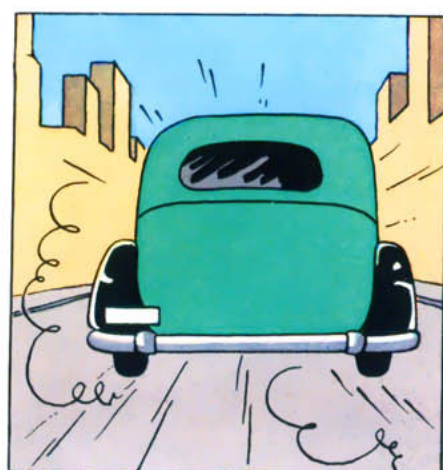
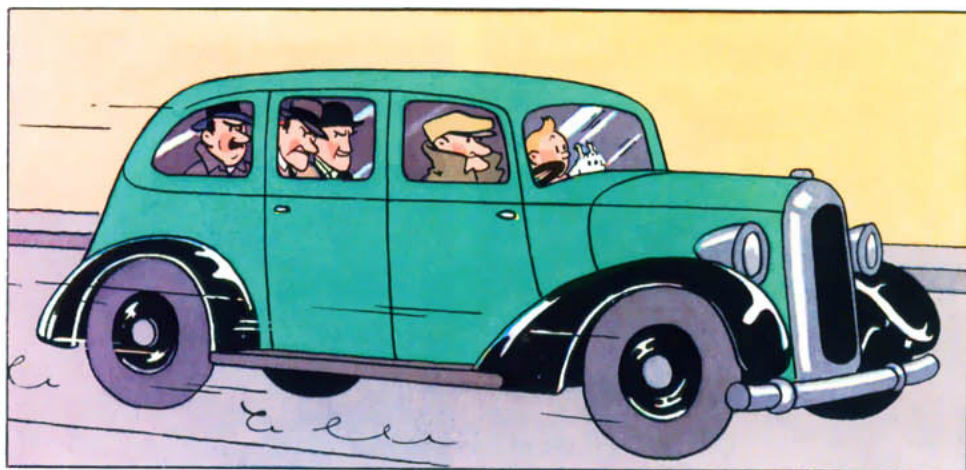
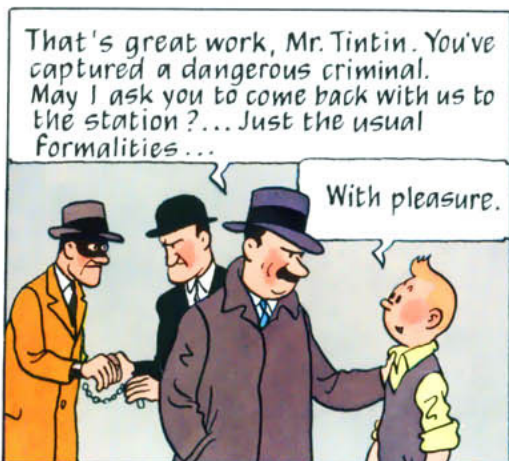












My dear Mr. Tintin, this is a pleasure!
I'm glad to meet you. Do please
sit down... Have a cigar?... No?...
Then I'll come straight to the
point...



I'm Bobby Smiles, boss of the
rival gangs fighting Al Capone
and his mob. I'm hiring you
at \$2000 a month to help me
bring him down. If you rub
Capone out yourself, there's a
bonus of twenty grand... Agreed?...
Here's your contract. Sign there.



Get your hands up, you crook!...
And I'll take care of that paper...
Just remember, I came to
Chicago to clean the place up,
not to become a gangster's
stooge!



So I'll make a start by arresting
you!



Oh?... Is that so?

Marvellous little gadget, just
under my foot!



I've been tricked...and
now I'm trapped...
Ugh! Smoke!...What
a peculiar smell...
It's like...



Help! It's gas!...
They mean to kill me
... Quick, my
handkerchief!



Useless!... I'm
done for!... I'm
choking...
My lungs...they're
burning...



There he is, Nick!... O. X22 gas
sure does knock 'em out!



To the waterfront, fast. Lake
Michigan for him!



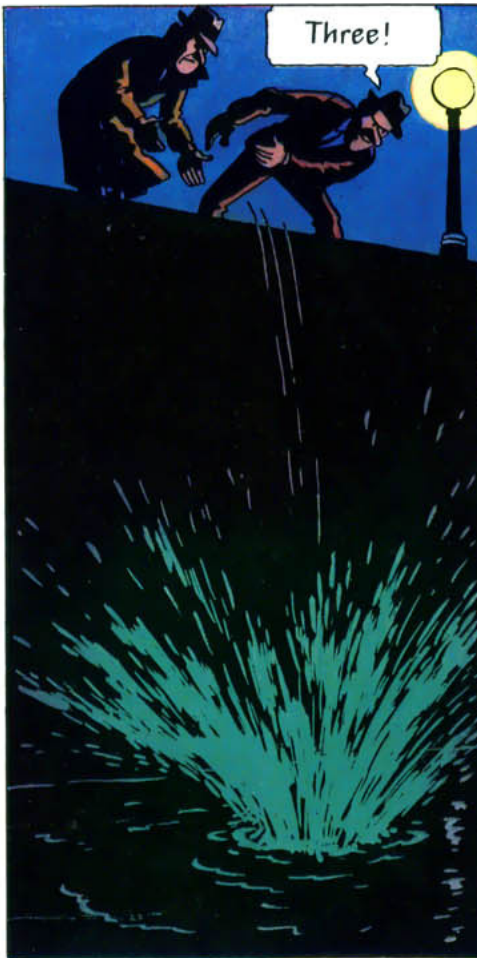
No one here. All clear, Nick,
bring him along!



Give him a swing!... One... two...



Three!



That's taken care of him. Let's go!



Alcatraz !! Go right back where you came from! You used the wrong gas!... You gave him Z4 sleeping-gas... Cold water will waken him up. Go and finish him off!



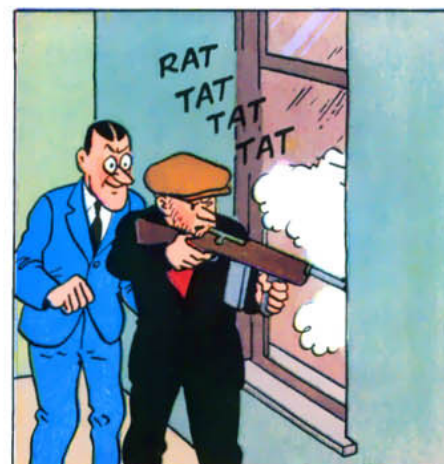
If you see him, don't miss, huh?

Quit worrying!



Reach for it, pals!





How about that, Snowy? Wasn't I right to keep away from the windows? Those dummies I used are peppered with holes... custom-made colanders!

Dead right!... It strikes me... Wouldn't it be a good idea... if those dummies did the whole job, instead of us?



Now they think they've disposed of me, I'm going to arrange a little surprise for our gangster pals...

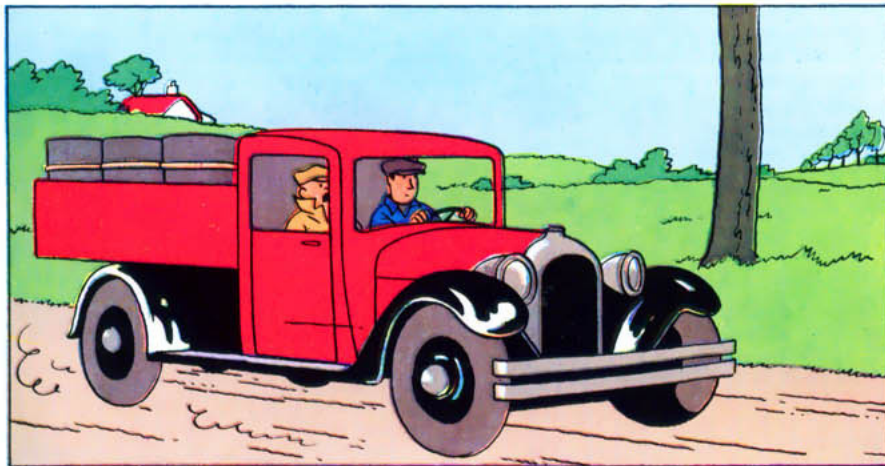
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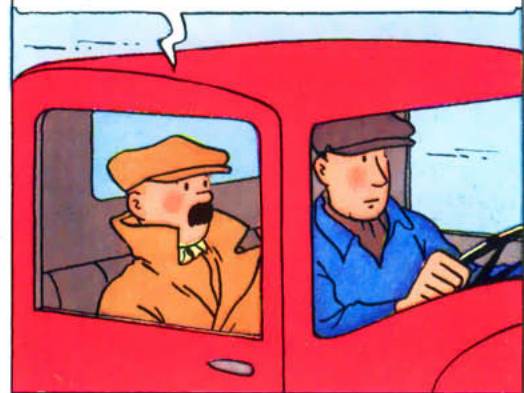
Next morning...

Listen, Bobby. I just heard the Coconut mob are doing a job this afternoon, running a load of whisky, hidden in gasoline drums. How's about it?

Simple!... We grab it!



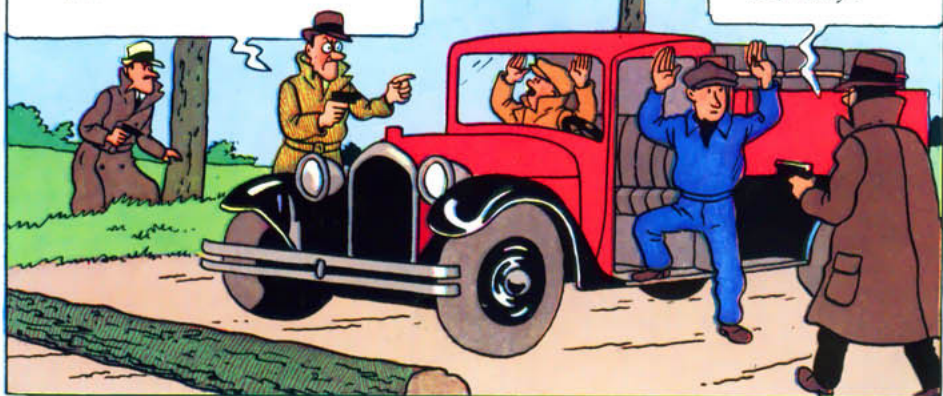
I've got a hunch there'll be a reception committee!



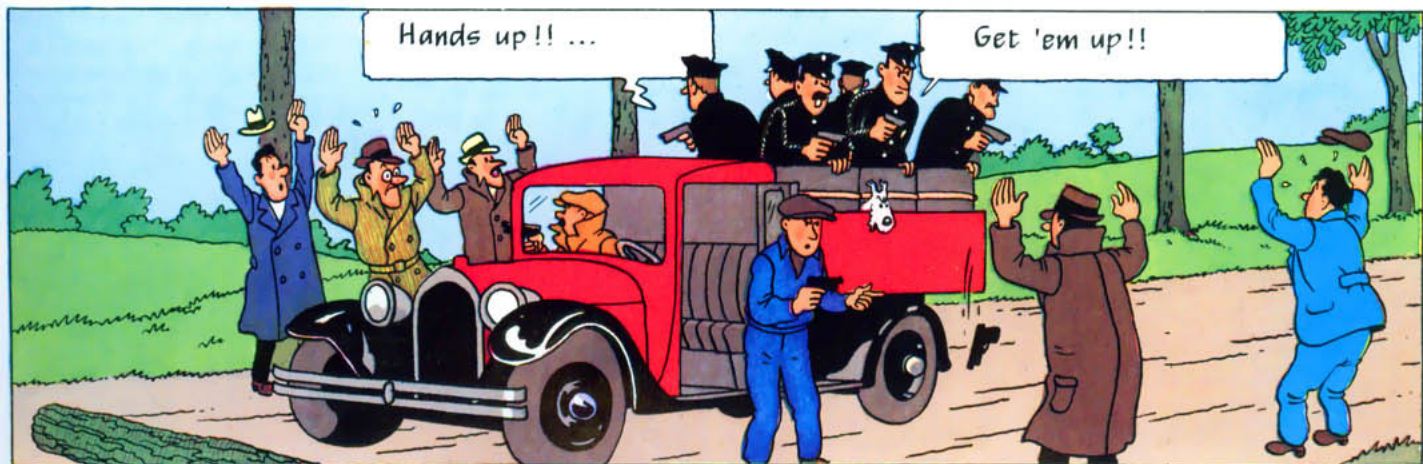
There! What did I tell you?



OK, come on out! Make it snappy... and no tricks...

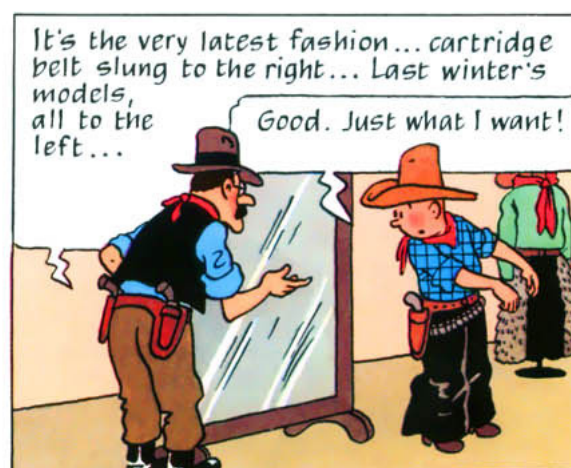
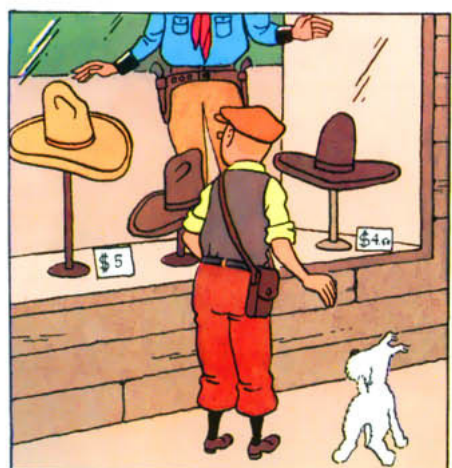
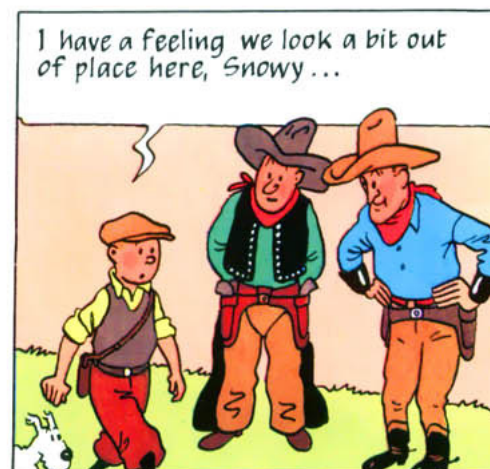
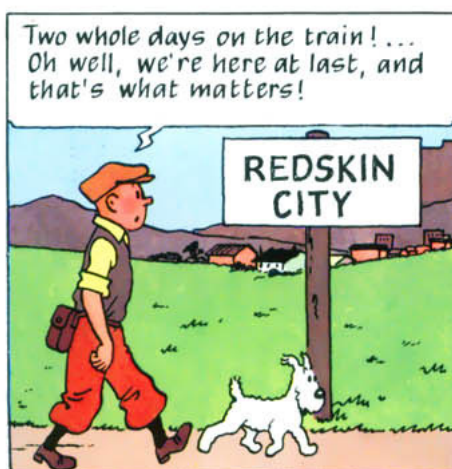
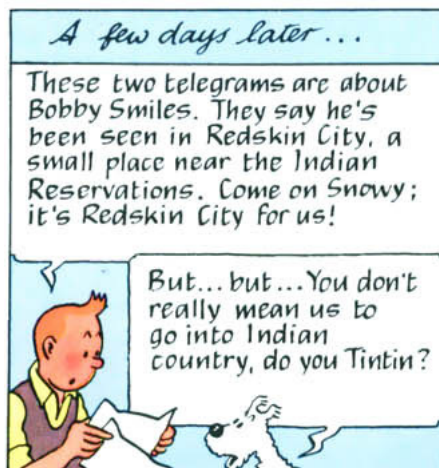
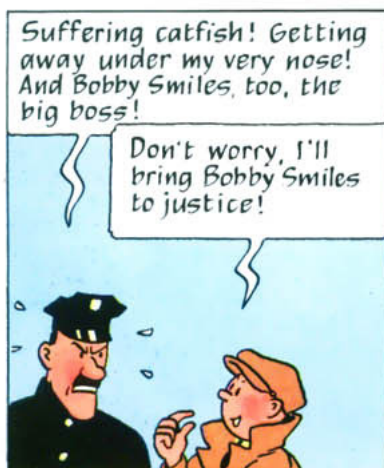
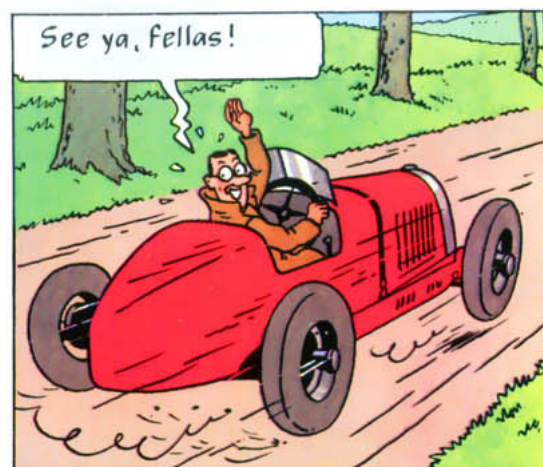


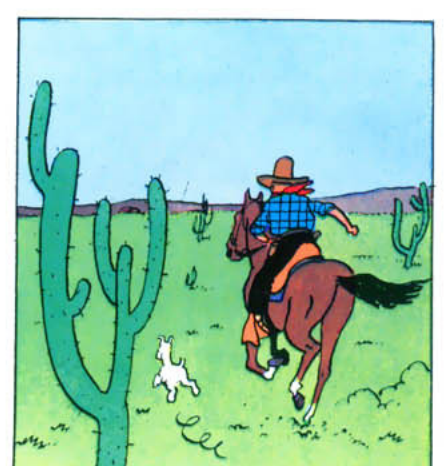
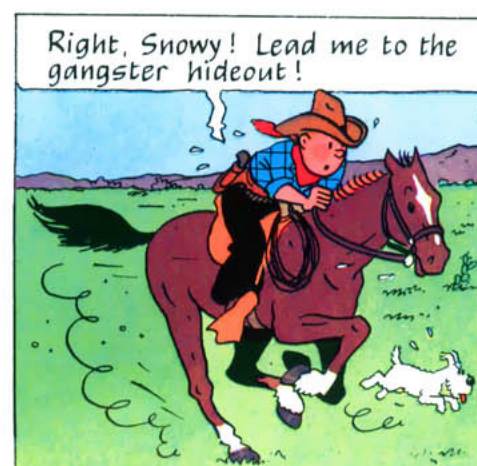
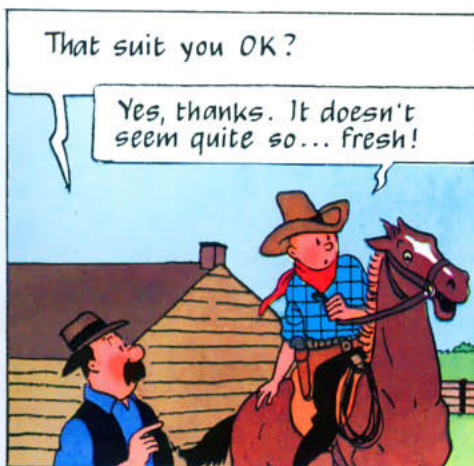
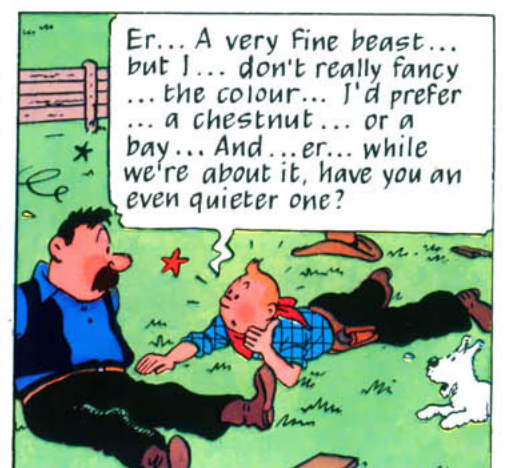
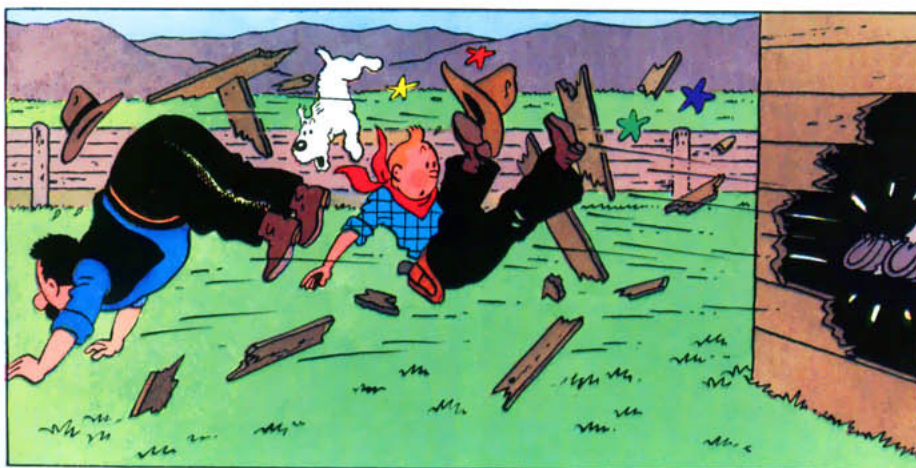
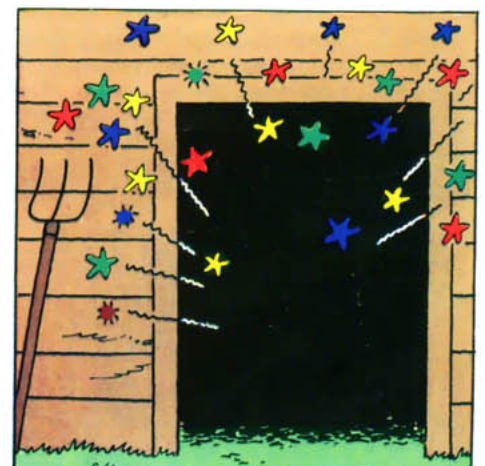
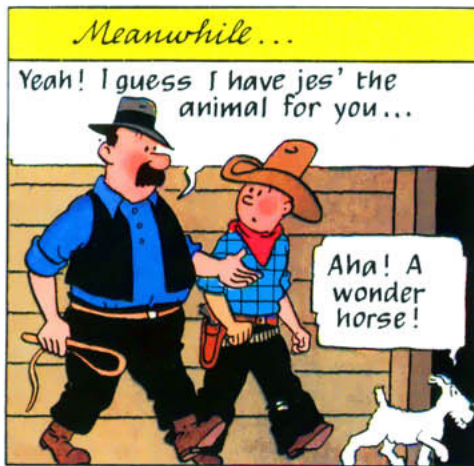
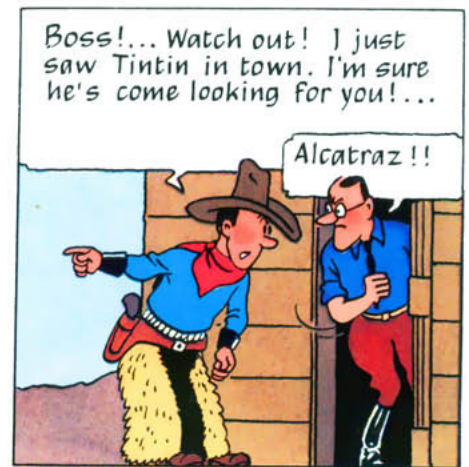
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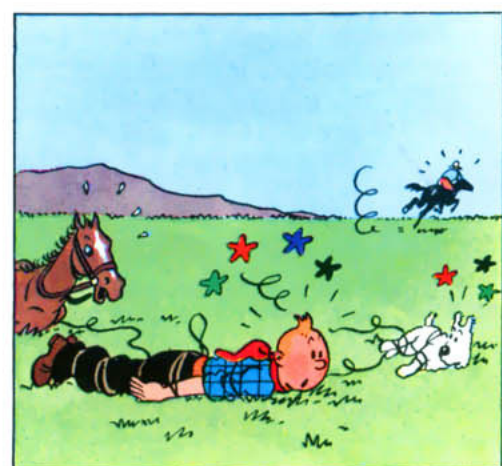
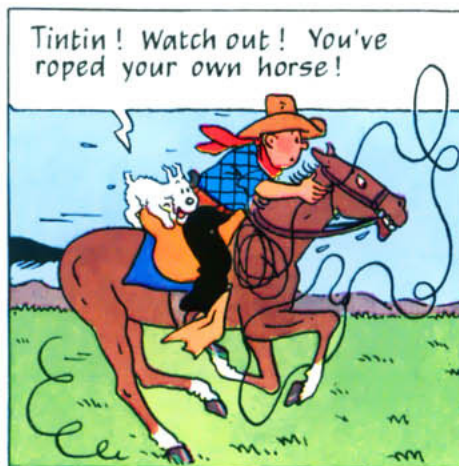
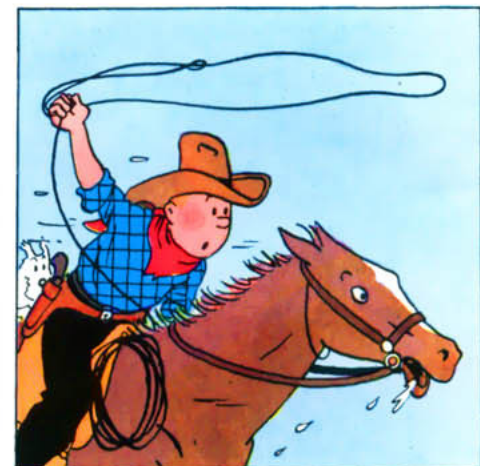
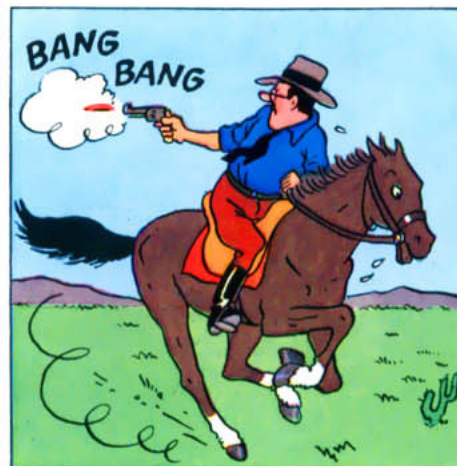
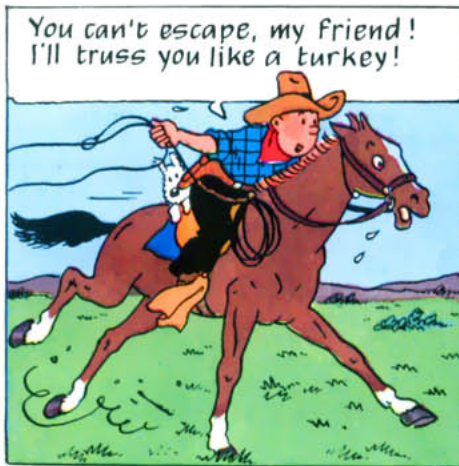
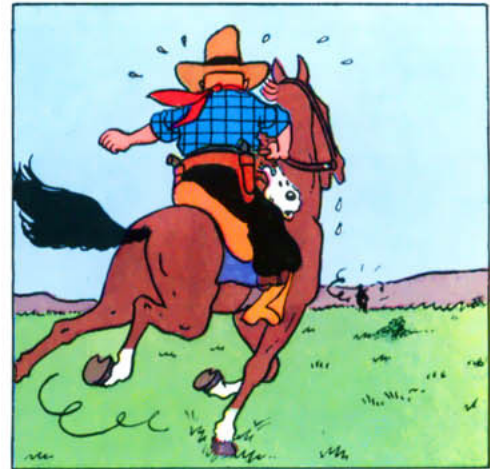
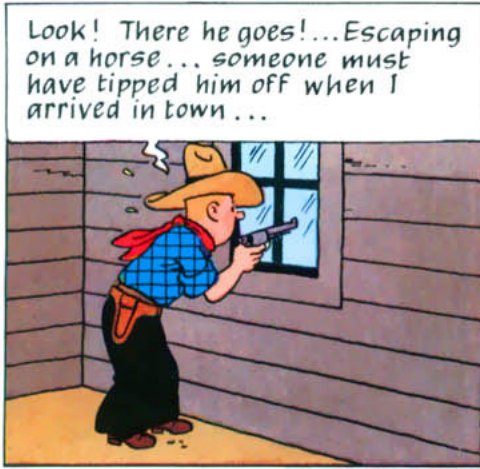
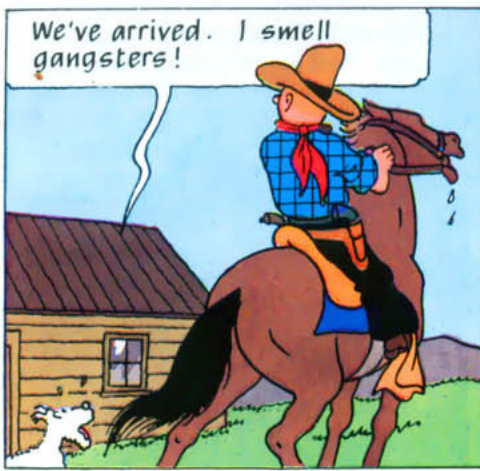


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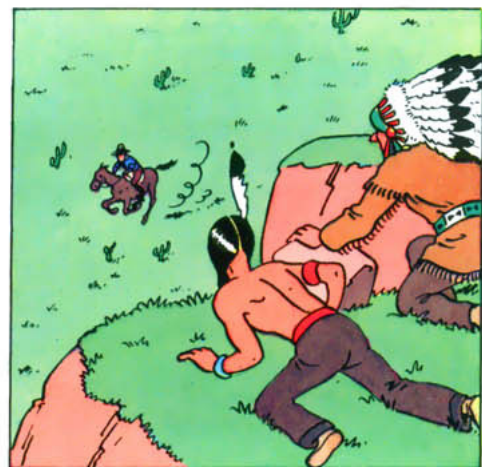
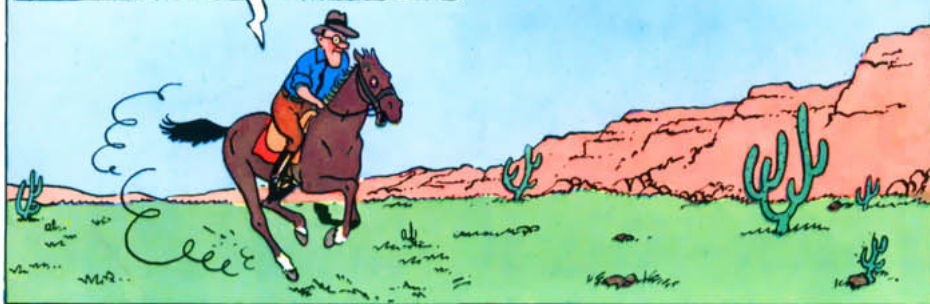
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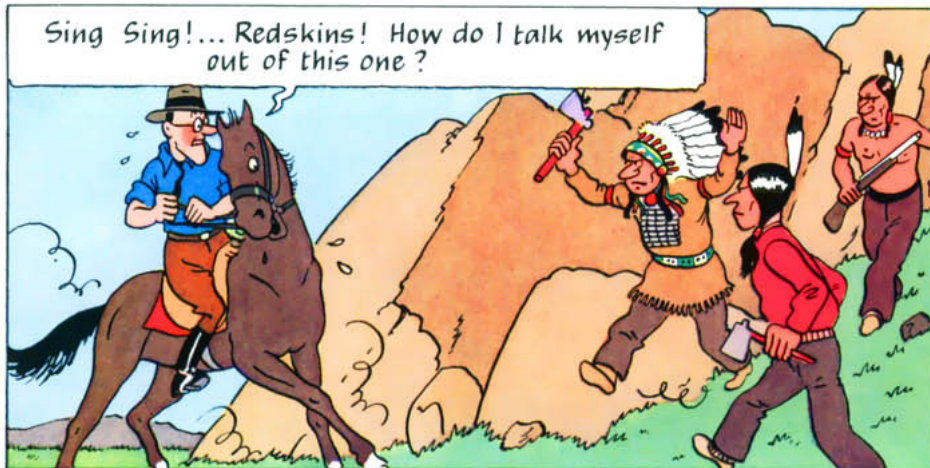




Ha! ha! ha! That'll teach you to play cowboys! By the time he's managed to untangle himself I'll be far away!



Sing Sing!... Redskins! How do I talk myself out of this one?



How! Mighty Sachem, I come in peace!

How, Paleface! What brings white man to hunting grounds of Blackfeet?



Mighty Sachem, I come to warn you. A young white warrior is riding this way. His heart is full of hate and his tongue is forked! Beware of him, for he seeks to steal the hunting grounds of the noble Blackfeet. I have spoken!...



Hear me, brave Blackfeet! A young Paleface approaches. He seeks, by trickery, to steal our hunting grounds!... May Great Manitou fill our hearts with hate and strengthen our arms!... Let us raise the tomahawk against this miserable Paleface with the heart of a prairie dog!



As for Paleface-with-eyes-of-the-Moon, he has warned us of danger that hangs over our heads, and will soon come upon Blackfeet. May Great Manitou heap blessings upon him!



Now let us raise the tomahawk ...

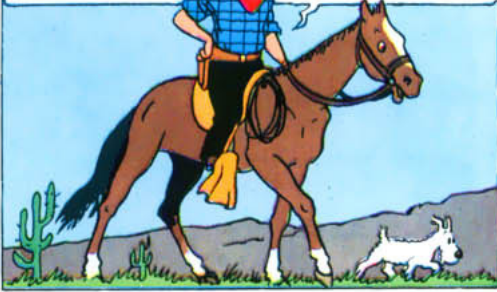
Big Chief him say well ...



Pipe of peace! I can't remember where in the world we buried the hatchet when we finished our last bit of fighting...



We've lost valuable time unravelling ourselves. It'll soon be dark now, Snowy, so we'd better pitch camp for the night and pick up the trail again in the morning.



We'll stop here ...



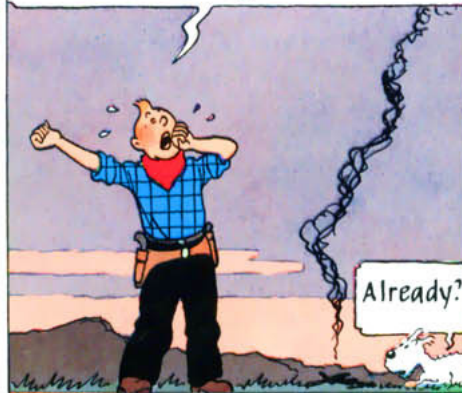
Tomorrow morning we'll set off at sunrise ... I'm determined that crook won't escape us again...



Just my luck! ... Tintin will be here in the morning, and I'll have to skedaddle... They're going to find that tomahawk if it's the last thing they do!



Wakey, wakey, Snowy! On the road again!



Well, Chief?

Alas, Blackfeet still cannot find their tomahawk ... It is lost!



What then?

What then?... It is quite simple: Blackfeet certainly cannot make war on Paleface. No tomahawk, no war!



Alcatraz and Sing Sing!... Dumb redskins won't fight... I've gotta get out of here!



The tomahawk!



Our tomahawk is found! Great Manitou wants war!

I sure hit the jackpot!



Great Manitou! Great Manitou! Give victory to your warriors!



Away!...To the horses!...Death to the Paleface!



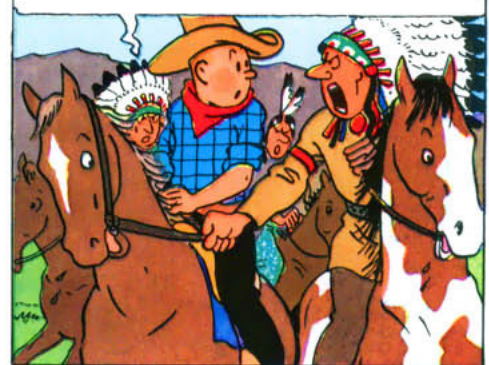


Hello, here come the Indians... I tell you Snowy, if I didn't know the redskins are peaceful nowadays, I'd be feeling a lot less sure of myself!

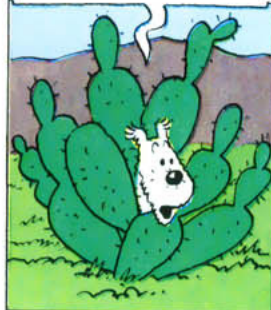
What's all this?... It's an odd sort of way to welcome a stranger!



Well, I'm scared to death!



Whew! They've gone! Savages! Frightened me out of my wits!



Snowy, that was disgraceful! You abandoned Tintin.



Really, what curious customs you have!

Truly, Paleface does not have stomach of a squaw. He smiles and is calm.

But we see what he does later!



Face it Snowy... You've got a yellow streak. For all you know, Tintin's in danger...



Hear, O Paleface, the words of Great Sachem... You have come among Blackfoot people with heart full of trickery and hate, like a sneaking dog. But now you are tied to torture stake. You shall pay Blackfeet for your treachery by suffering long. I have spoken!

What sort of talk is that?

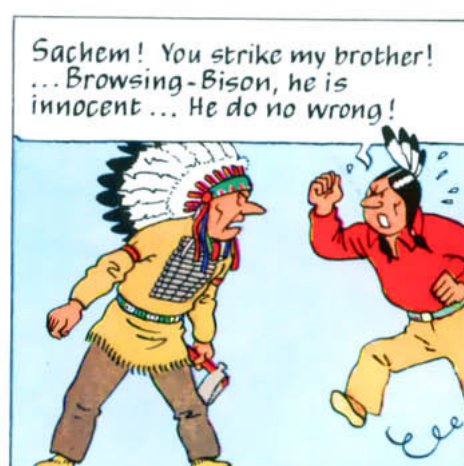
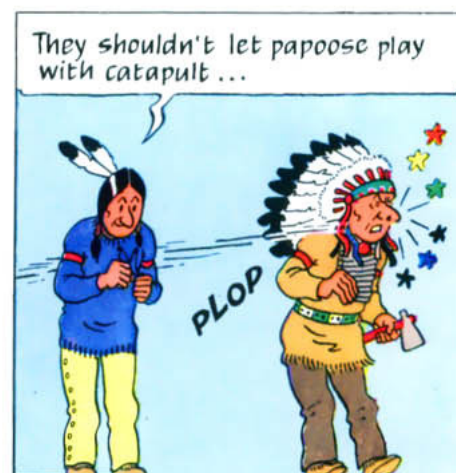
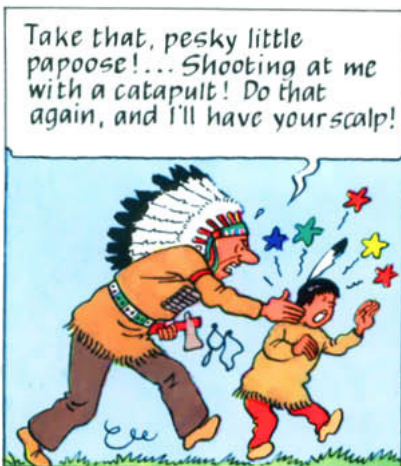
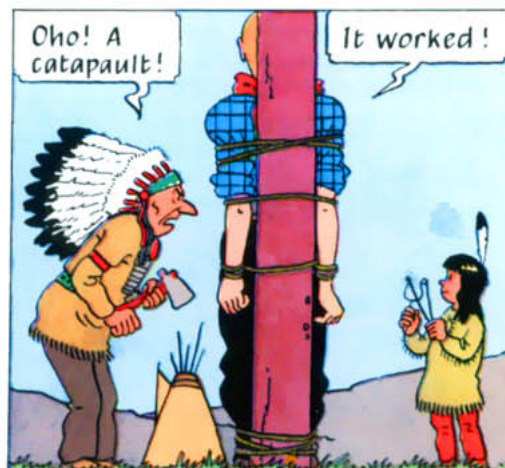
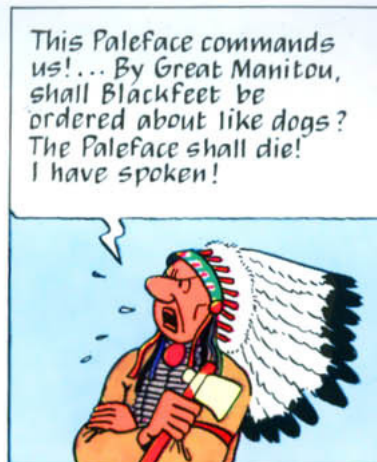


Now, let my young braves practise their skills upon this Paleface with his soul of a coyote! Make him suffer long before you send him to land of his forefathers!

But...he's crazy!



You speak well, O Sachem!





Browsing-Bison's brother, he dare to strike Big Chief Keen-eyed-Mole!... Death, I say! Death to Bull's-Eye, Browsing-Bison's brother!



Death to cowardly dogs who dare to attack Bull's-Eye because he defend his brother, Browsing-Bison, unjustly beaten by Big Chief Keen-eyed-Mole!



Splendid! Splendid! Let them fight. Meanwhile, let me get these ropes untied...



There! That's freed my hands... Now for my feet... Good... Move!



Now, who turned the Blackfeet against me? I must find that out... What about the gangster I'm chasing? Was it him?



They've stopped yelling and shouting, so the torture must be over. I'll go and see...



Alcatraz!... Over there!... He's escaping!... Knocked out the whole tribe!... It's impossible!... What a kid!



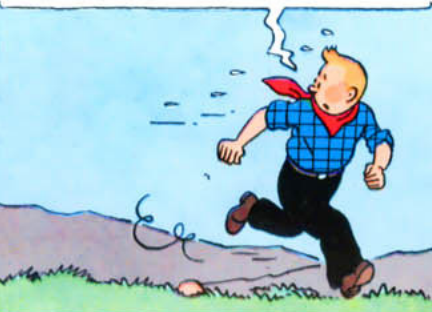
Help!... They're on my tracks!



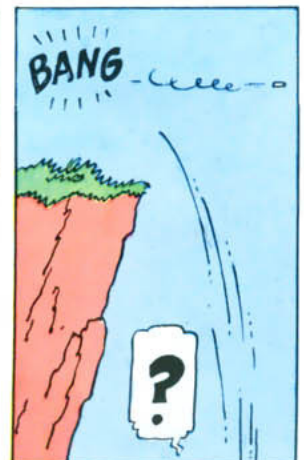
I can hear shooting... I hope nothing's happened to Tintin!



No, it isn't the Indians! It's Bobby Smiles!... I might have known it! Now I understand why the Indians were so hostile towards me...



Snakes!... He's taking aim again!



Alcatraz!... What a drop!... The canyon goes down hundreds of feet... I can scarcely see the bottom...

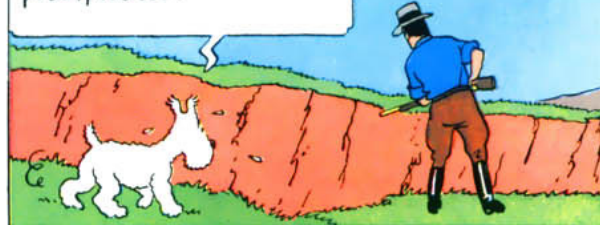


Quick! Quick! I must save Tintin!



That'll teach you, smartalec! Meddling little busybody... I've got you out of my hair for good.

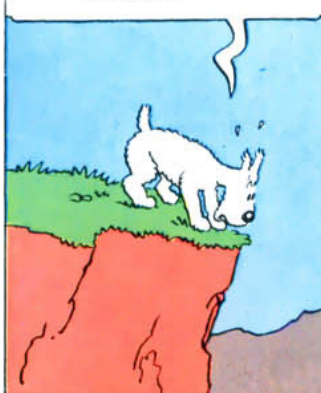
What's he looking at?... Surely it can't be... Tintin's fallen over that precipice...?



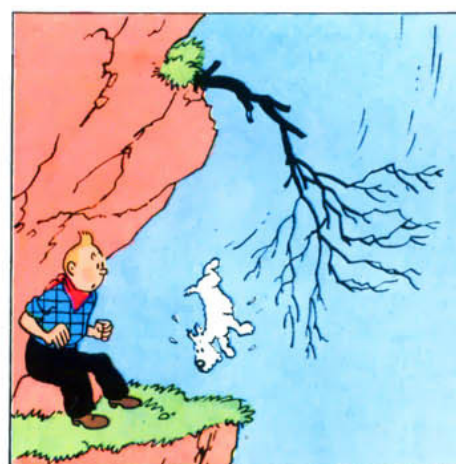
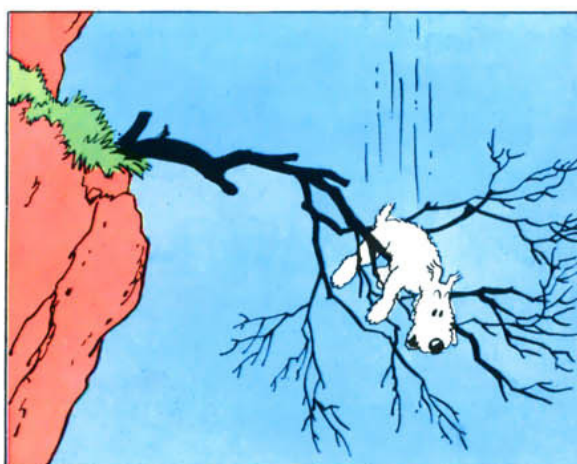
And now, back to Chicago.



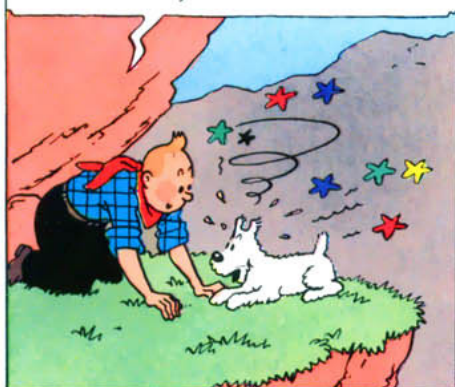
Wooah!... Wooah!... Wooah!



It's that dratted dog of Tintin's!... OK, he can follow his owner!



Hello, Snowy! We both seem to have come by the same route!



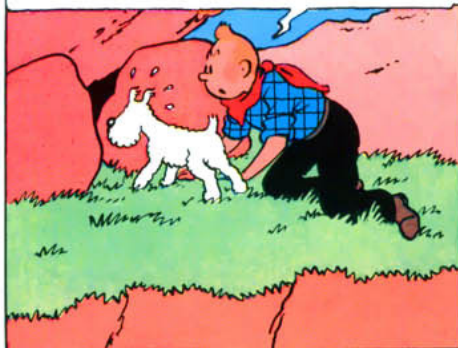
I fell into space, like you. It was fantastic: there was this bush, and I fell right into it. It bent and dropped me on this ledge. So here I am, safe and sound, instead of smashed to bits in the canyon.



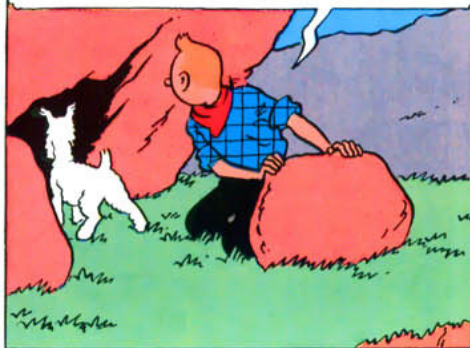
Still, we're only safe for the time being... I can't see any possible way of escape from here...



What are you sniffing at there, Snowy? ... Have you found something? ...



Good gracious! ... Amazing! ... It looks like some sort of cave... Why don't we see if it leads anywhere?



Here goes!



Where are we?

Careful, Snowy! ... Don't take any chances!



It's heading upwards more and more ...



Where are we going to come out?



Look! A huge gallery, decorated with Indian paintings...



The Blackfeet probably hid in this cave when they were being hunted by their enemies...



This is the other exit ...



Still going upwards! ... Where can this tunnel be leading?



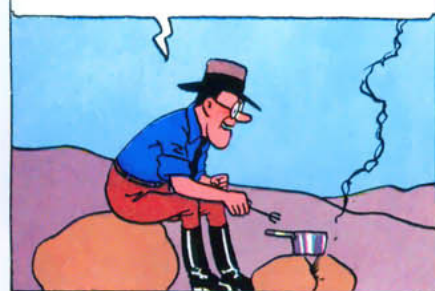
Ah, now it's starting to go down ...



... then it's taking us up again, steeply ...



I've got shot of that no-good reporter at last! Now, before I hit the trail again, I'll have some food ... Too bad you're missing this, Tintin!



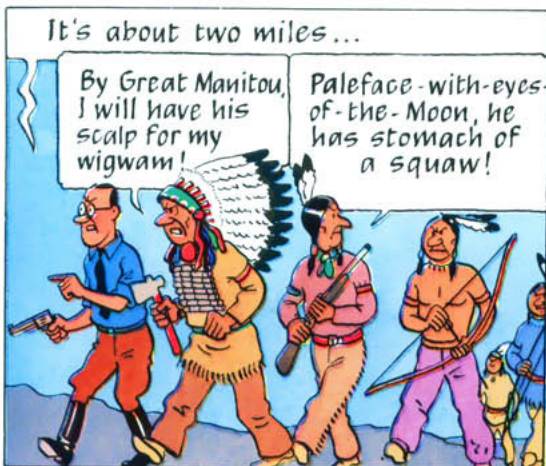
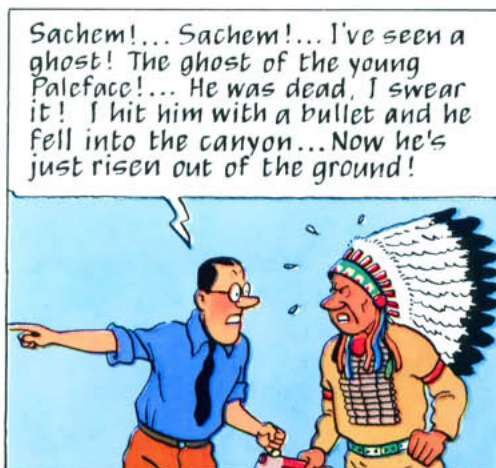
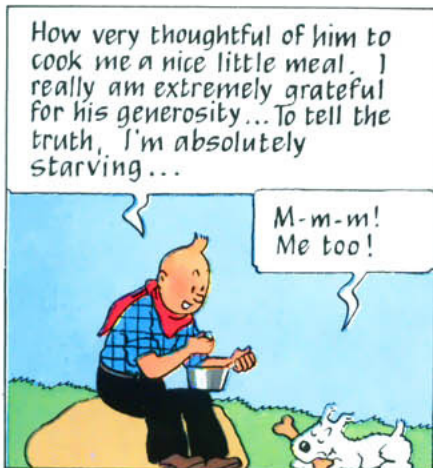
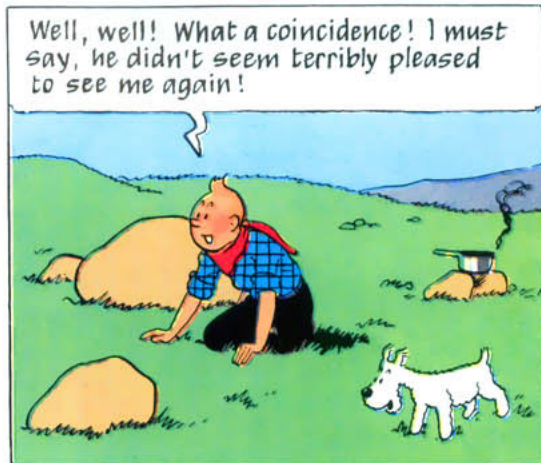
Hey, what goes on around here? Must be an earthquake! The ground's shaking under me ...

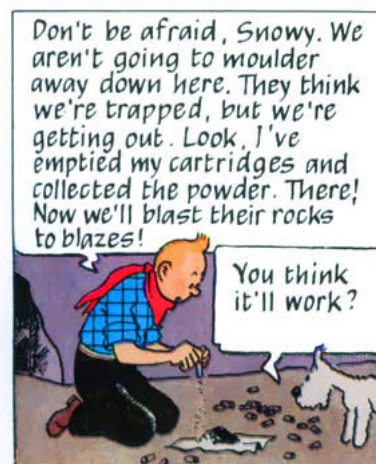
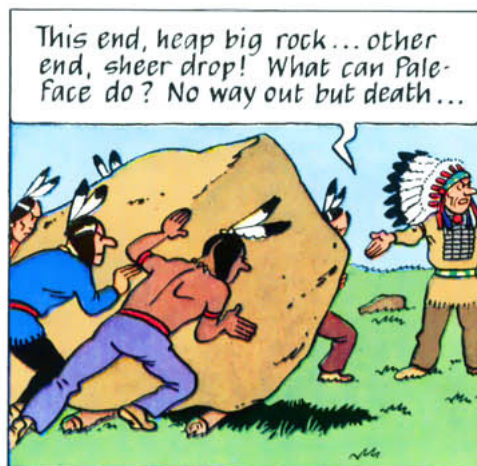
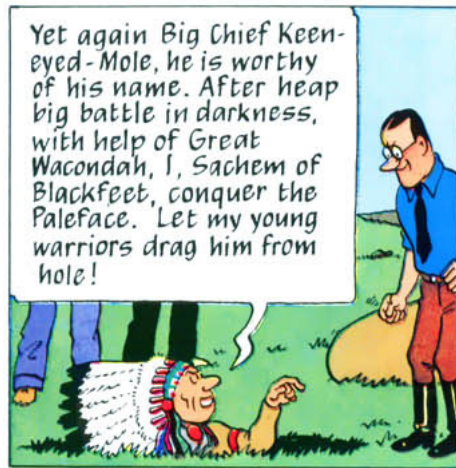


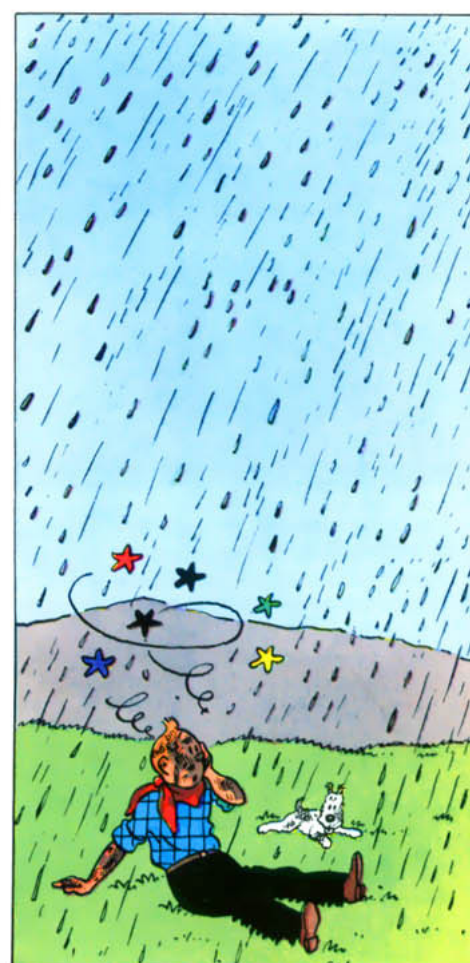
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Whew! What a weight!







Great snakes!... OIL! ...
A liquid fortune, and no
one to harness it!

Golly! And
there's me,
thinking that
oil came out
of a can!

OK, son! Here's the contract. Sign there!
Five thousand dollars for your oil well ...

H-h-how did you know there was
an oil well here?... It's less
than ten minutes since it blew...

Know-how, sonny boy!
Unerring American know-
how! Never fails!

Don't listen to that crook!... Sign
here! Ten thousand dollars for
your oil well!...

Hey, buddy! Don't you sign!
I'm offering twenty-five grand!

Fifty Gs!! ...
A hundred!!!

I'm terribly sorry, gentlemen, but
that oil well isn't mine to sell. It
belongs to the Blackfoot Indians
who live in this part of the
country ...

Why didn't you
say that
before?

Here, Hiawatha! Twenty-
five dollars, and half an
hour to pack your bags
and quit the territory!

Has Paleface
gone mad?

An hour later...

Two hours later...

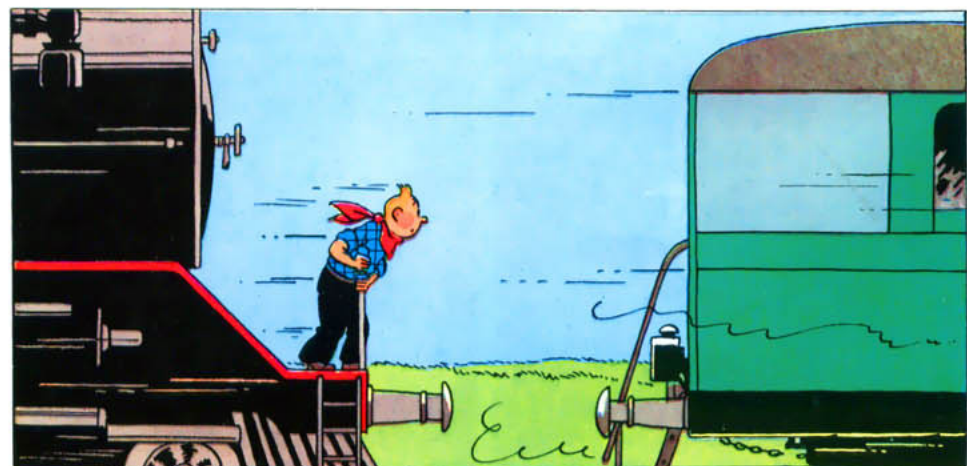
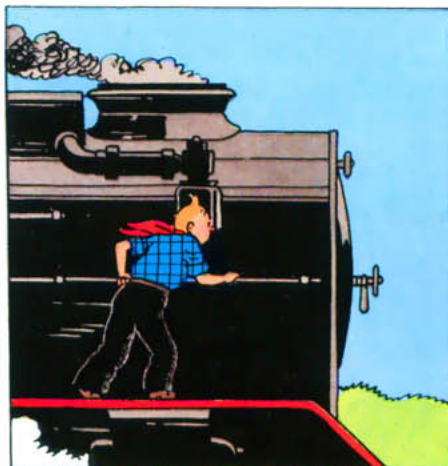
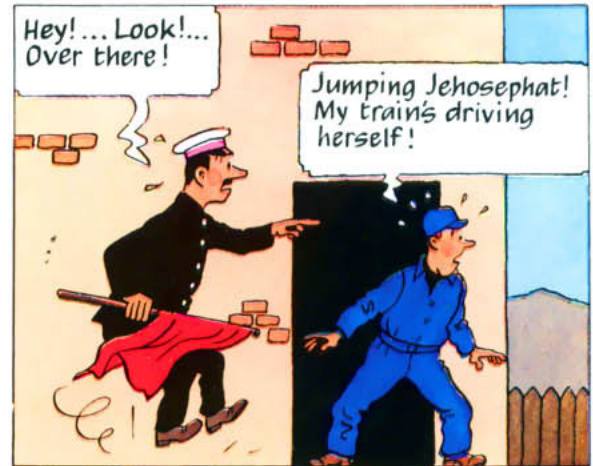
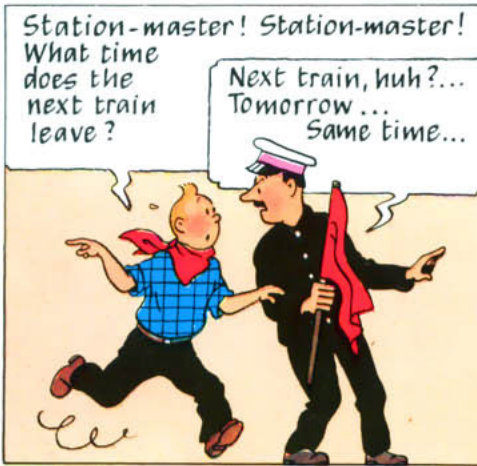
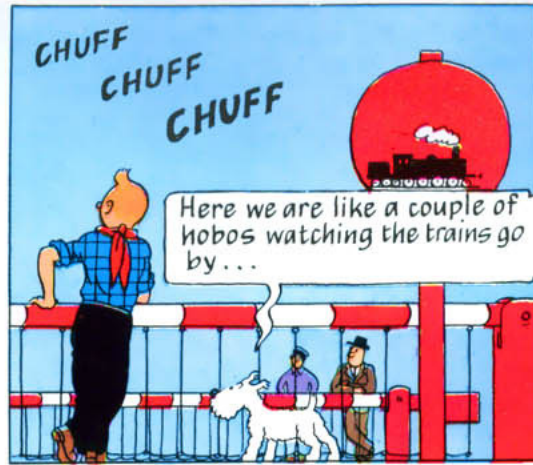
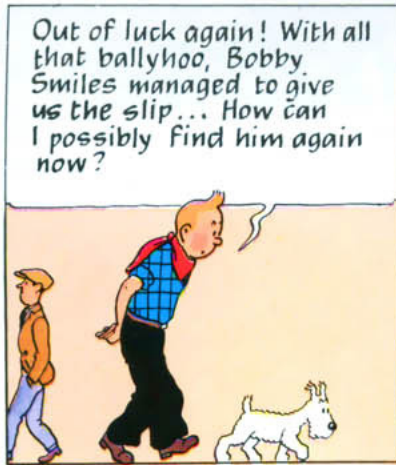
Three hours later...

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The next morning ...

What's all
the fuss?

Hey, you! Don't you know fancy dress is forbidden
in town?... And keep out of the way of the
traffic!... Where d'you think you are, anyway?...
The Wild West or something?



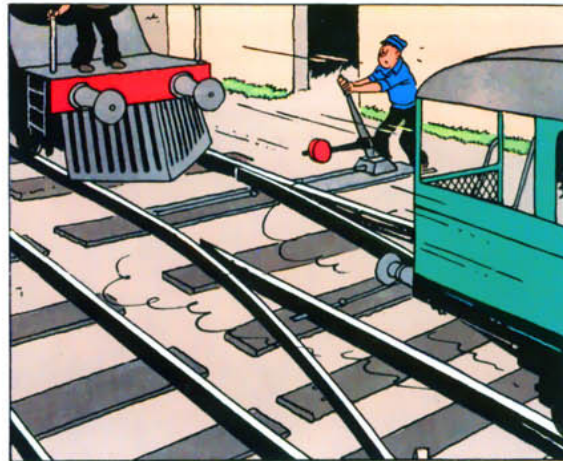
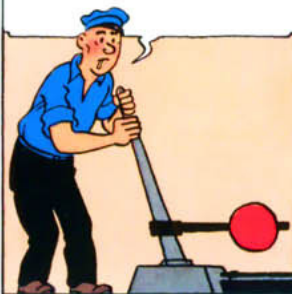
Hello?... Block one-five-two?... There's a loco running crazy on the track... Yes... She mustn't overtake the Flyer... Switch her on to number seven...



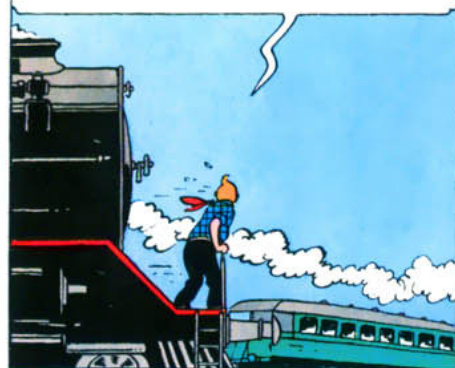
Right you are, boss! Count on me!



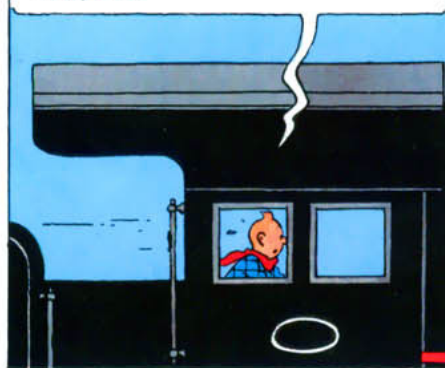
Phew! Just in time! Here comes the Flyer... with the runaway train on her tail...



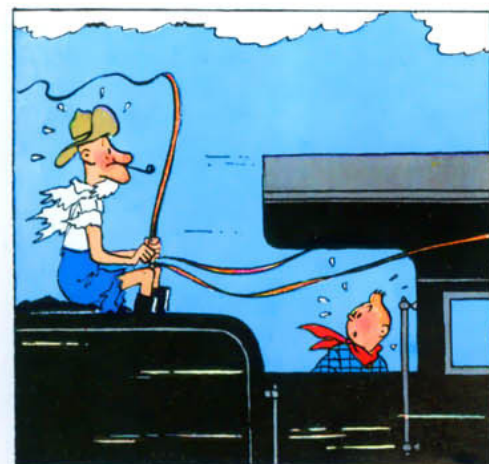
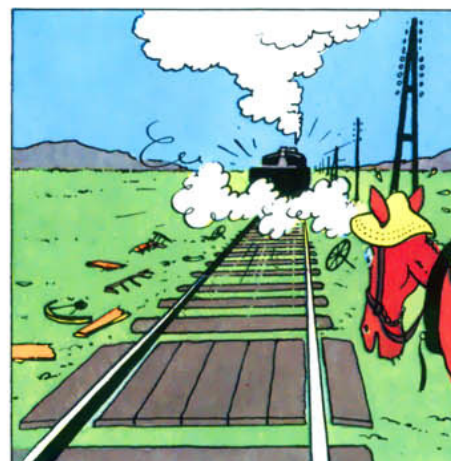
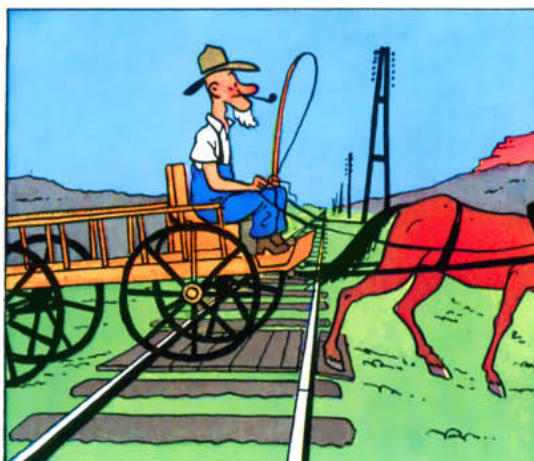
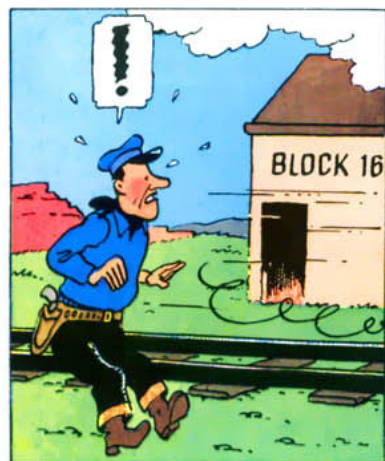
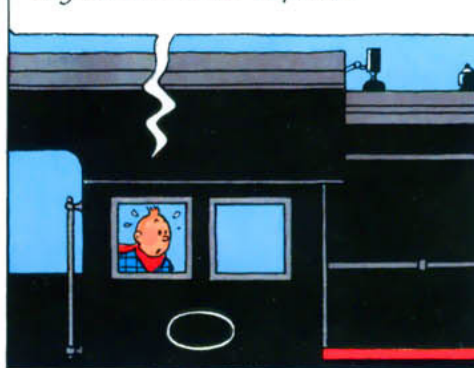
Drat! We've been switched to another track...



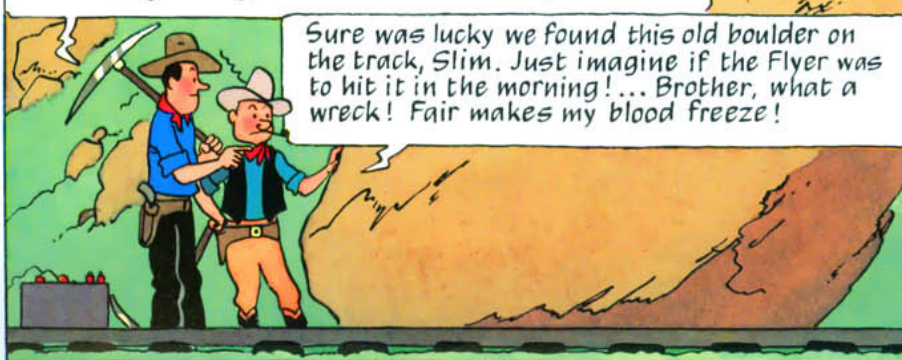
Quick, stop the engine, and back up. We'll soon be on the right track...



That's torn it! The brake lever's jammed. Now I understand. This engine was in for repairs!



Only one way to clear this here track, Jem, and that's dynamite. We got plenty of time. Next train won't be coming through till tomorrow morning...

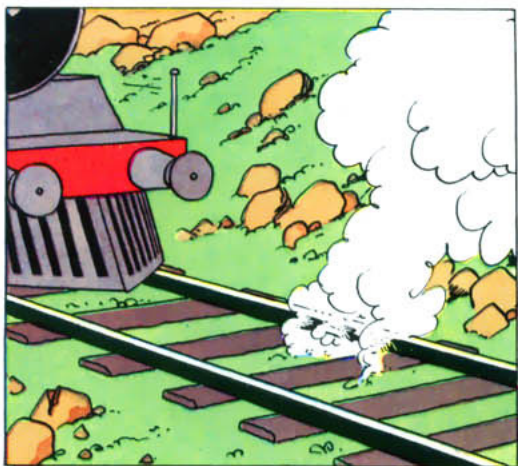
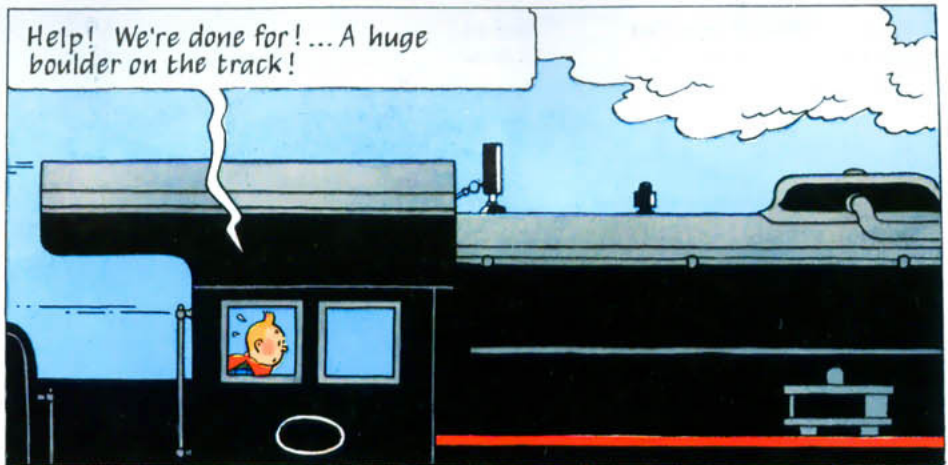


Sure was lucky we found this old boulder on the track, Slim. Just imagine if the Flyer was to hit it in the morning!... Brother, what a wreck! Fair makes my blood freeze!

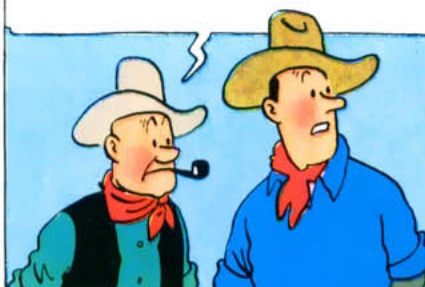
Slim! ... Train's a'comin'... Quick!
Light the fuse or she'll smash
into the rock ...



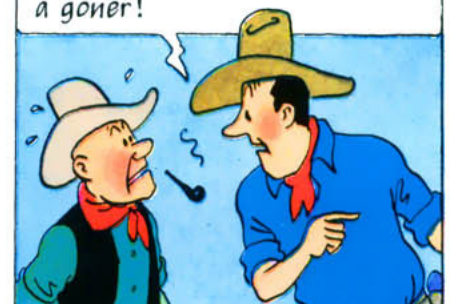
Help! We're done for! ... A huge
boulder on the track!



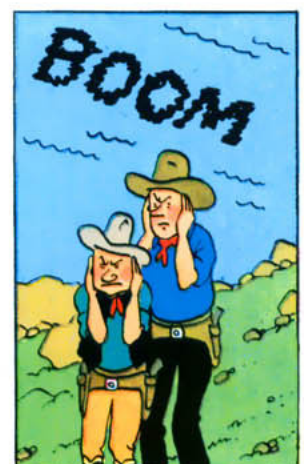
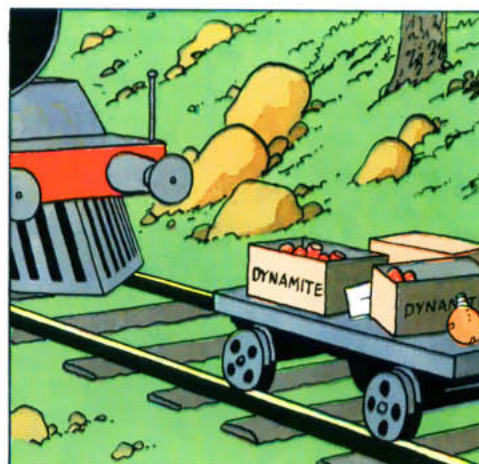
Boy, that sure was close!
The dynamite went up in the
nick of time! Two seconds
later, and she'd have been
blown to glory!



Leapin' lizards, Jem!... The
trolley with our tools and the
spare sticks of dynamite...
It's there, half a mile down the
track!... She's done for, she's
a goner!



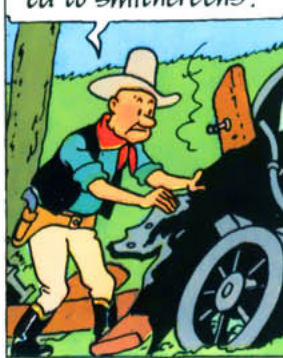
This is our lucky day, Snowy, and no
mistake ...



This is awful !... Awful !



What a disaster !
What a disaster !
Crew must be smash-
ed to smithereens !

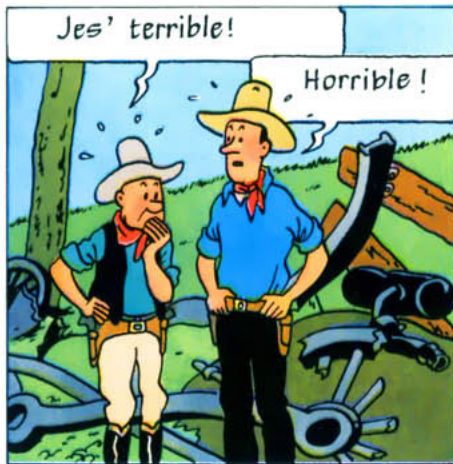


Say, Jem ! This is the
only piece left !
Sure is grisly !

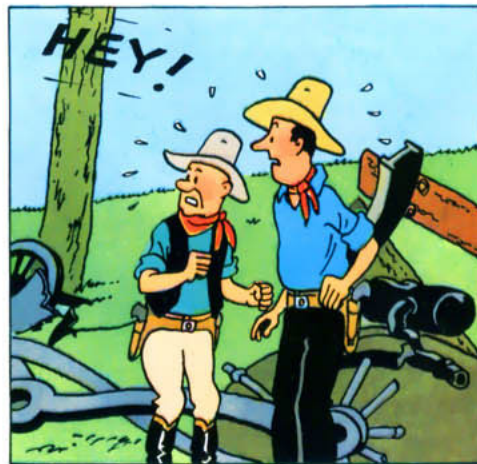


Jes' terrible !

Horrible !

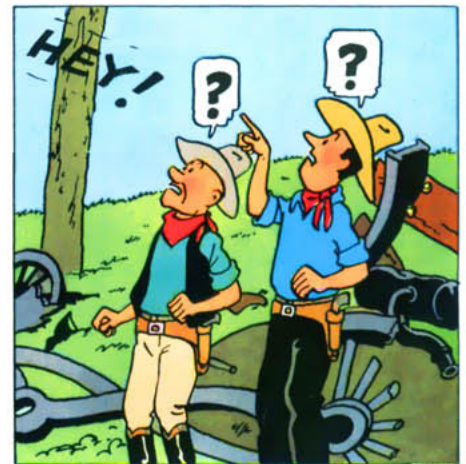


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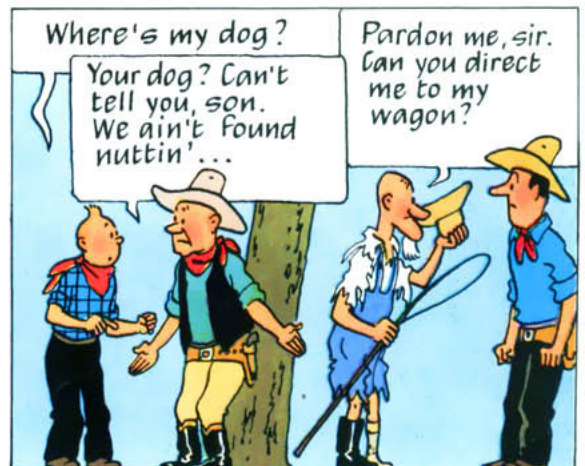
Hey !



Where's my dog ?

Your dog ? Can't
tell you, son.
We ain't found
nuttin'...

Pardon me, sir.
Can you direct
me to my
wagon ?



We must look ! Snowy
can't have vanished ...
He simply can't...

I've searched
everywhere already...



Snowy ! At last ! There you are, my old
friend ! This time I really thought you'd
gone for good !

You can take my word, Tintin, it
hasn't been much of a picnic
stuck under that coal-scuttle...

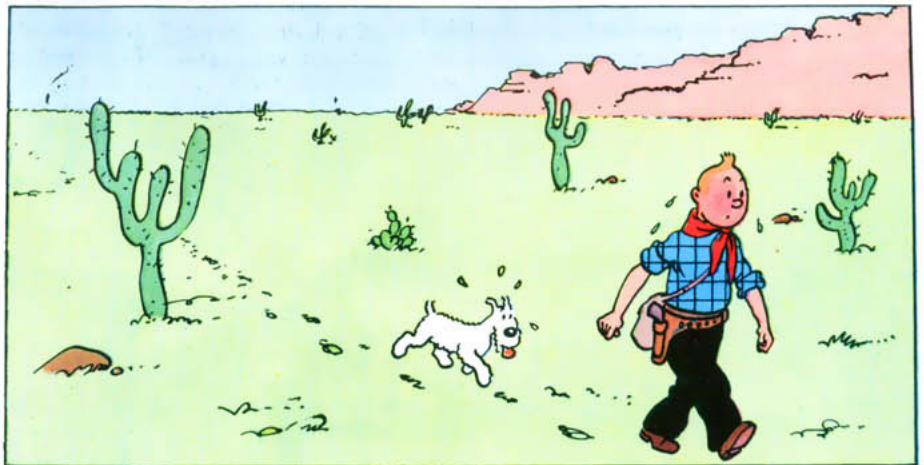


Hey, you plannin' on leavin' ?...
You can't light out jes' like that...

I'm sorry I have to go
right away ... It's import-
ant... I'm on the track
of a dangerous outlaw...



Now then, off we go. With the supplies those good fellows gave us, I'm not worried about facing the desert...



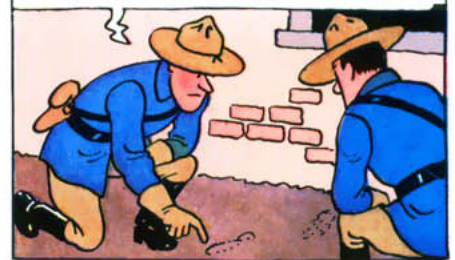
In a small town, some miles away...



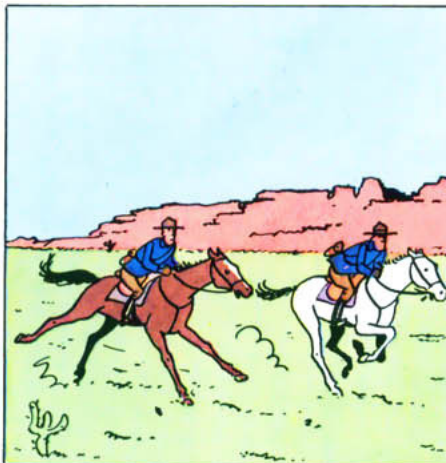
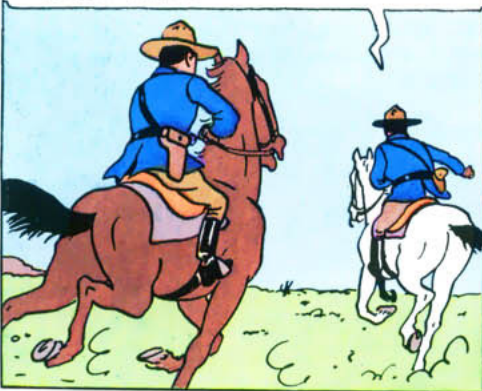
Yeah, that's all I know... When I came into the bank this morning, like I always do, there was the boss, and the safe wide open... I raised the alarm, and we hanged a few fellers right away... but the thief got clear...



After the robbery he got away through the window... Say, look at his footprints... a dead giveaway. See that: just one row of nails on the right boot...



With tracks like that, we'll soon catch him!



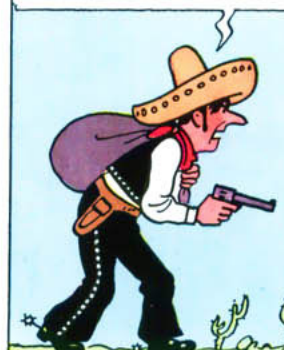
Madre de Dios! Thees footsteps, they geev me away pronto, pronto... What to do?...



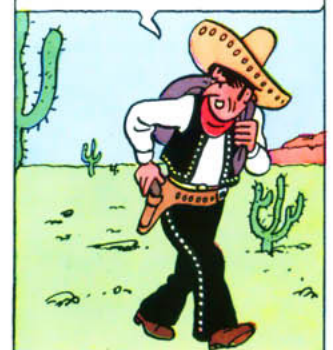
Caramba! Un hombre... Oho!... Ees sleeping!... Bueno, bueno!... Pedro, he theenk he has a vairy vairy good idea!...

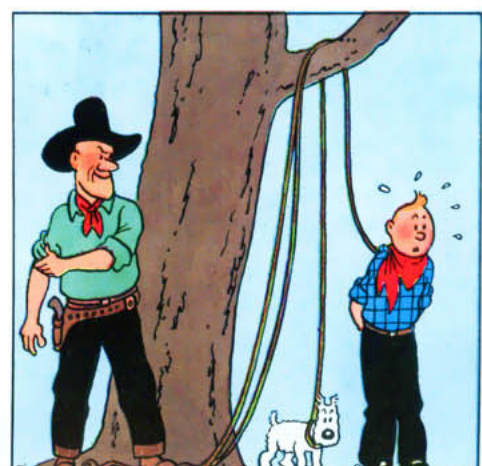
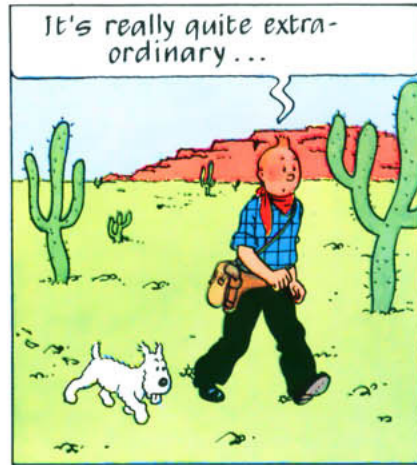


If he wake, if he move, I shoot heem...



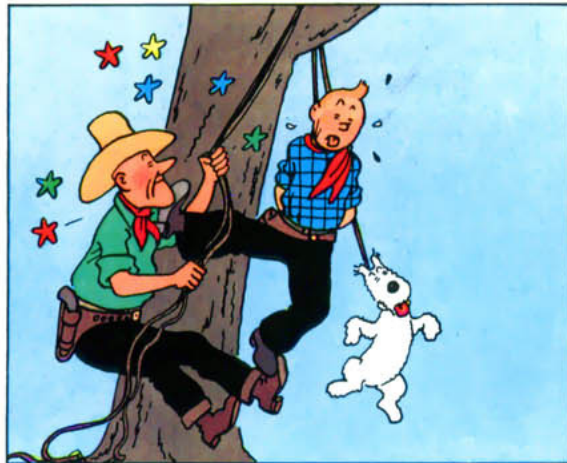
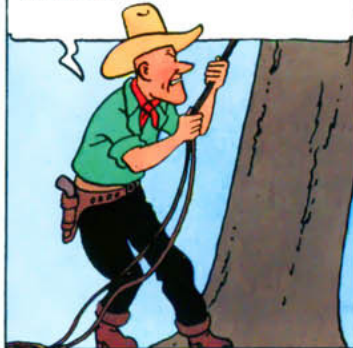
Ees done!... Now, Pedro not have to worry any more...







This time, buddy, there ain't gonna be no mistakes! I got my reputation to think of...



What a dope!

Messed it up again!...

Hey, let me do it!



No! ... Lemme have a go! I'll show you how!

Leave it to me!



I'm gonna hang him!

No, I am!

No, me!

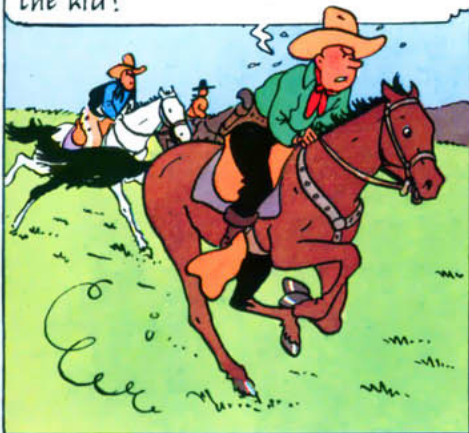


No good trying to tell them I'm innocent. Better get out of here... and make it fast!

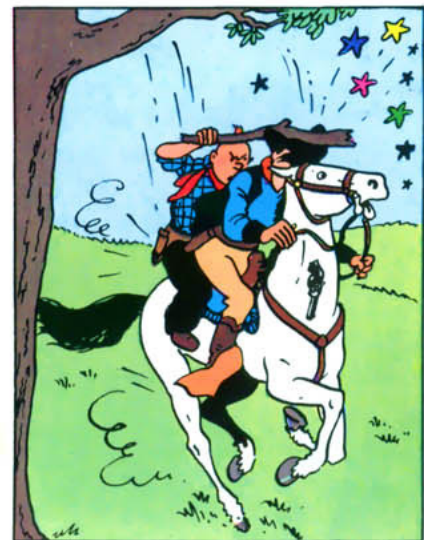
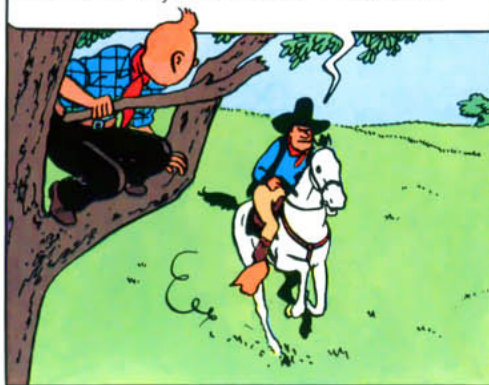


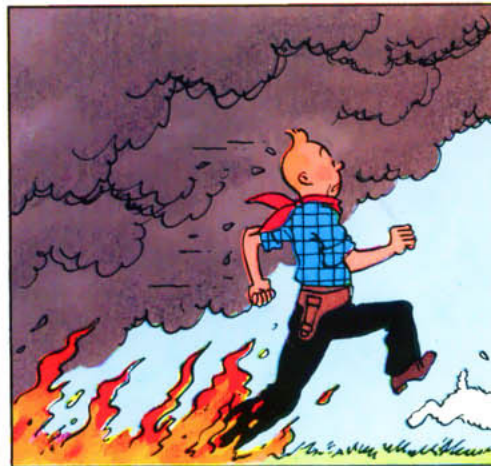
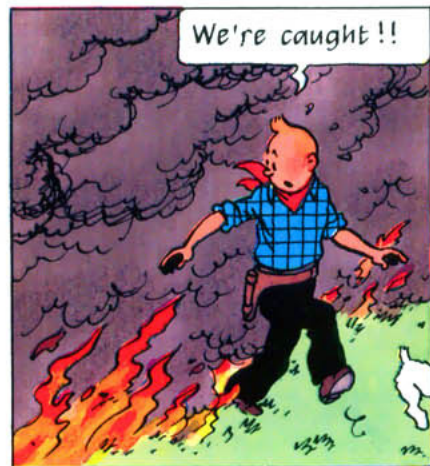
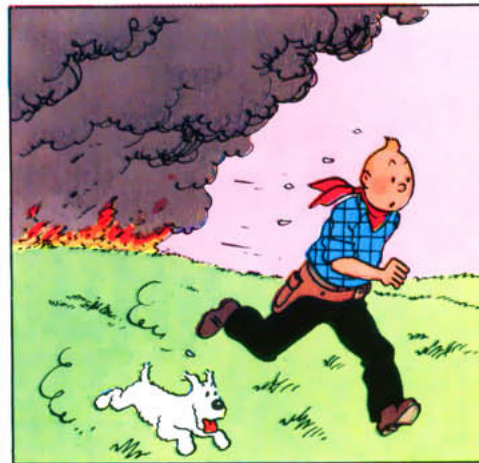
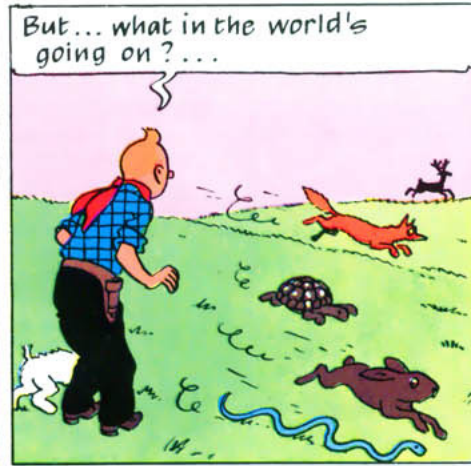
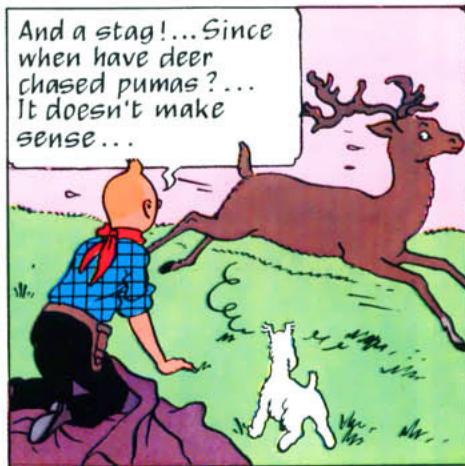
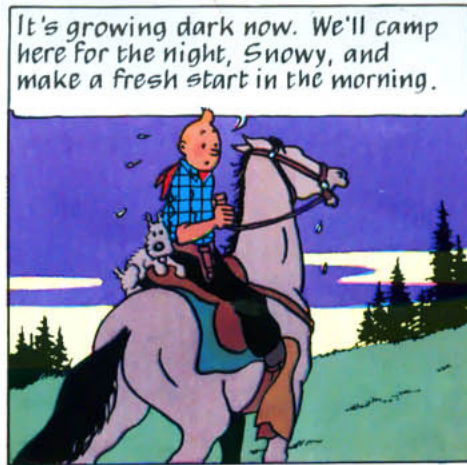
Help! ... They've discovered my escape ... Now they're coming after us! ...

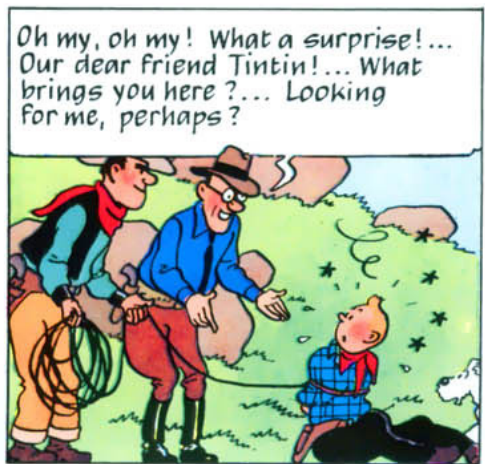
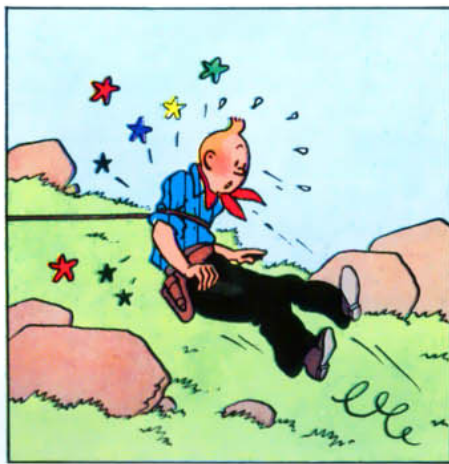
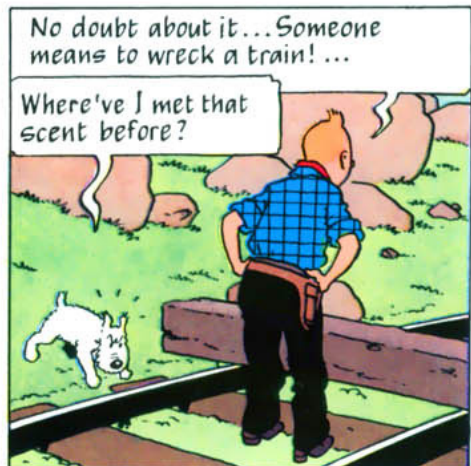
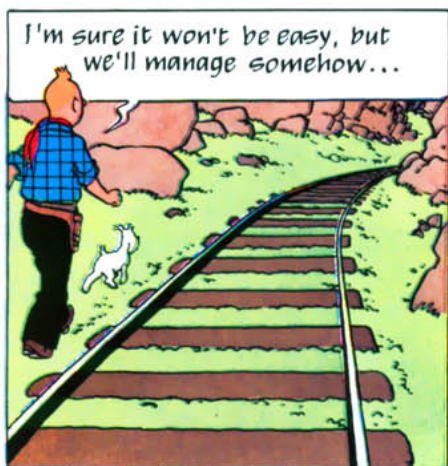
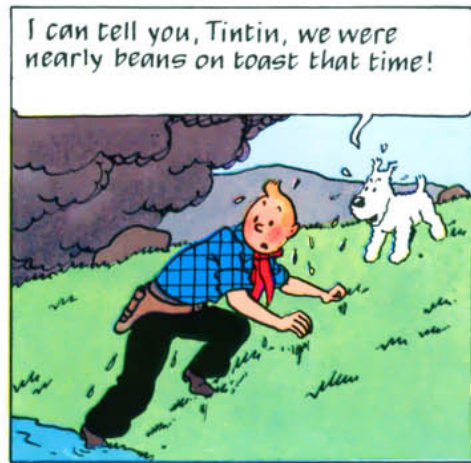
Trust Big Jim to take off on that mustang of his ... Like always, he'll be the lucky guy and catch the kid!



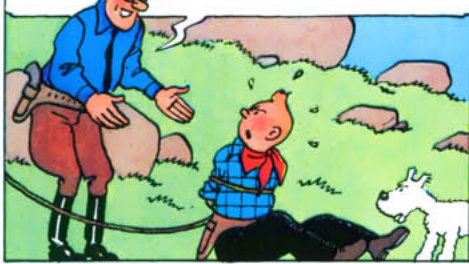
Beats me ... he's gone and disappeared some place ... I know he was near this tree, last I saw of him ... But I'll get him for sure, or my name ain't Big Jim!



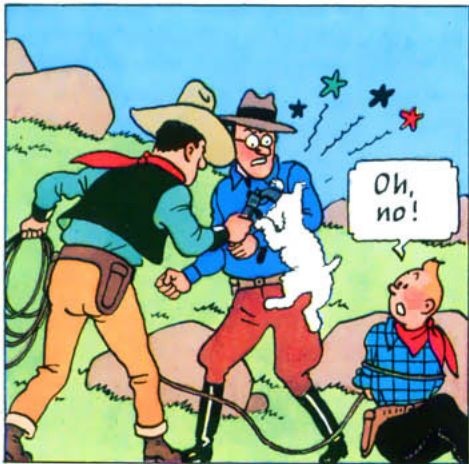
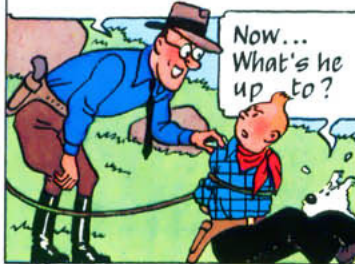




Well, well! I'm glad to have spared you a longer search... By the way, I was planning to wreck the Flyer... A cool half million bucks in the mail coach... But on second thoughts, I won't bother...



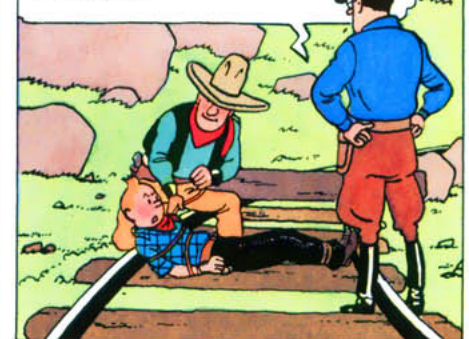
No, I won't bother. I'd rather let the train go on its way. Big of me, isn't it? But naturally, I'll see you tied securely on the track first...



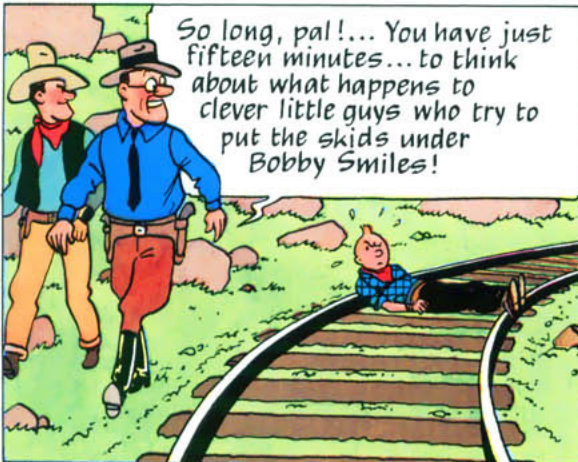
Vicious little mutt... like his master!



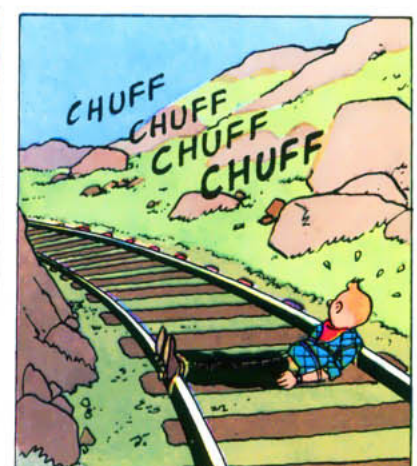
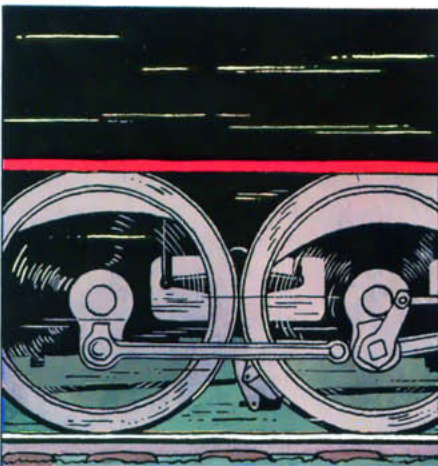
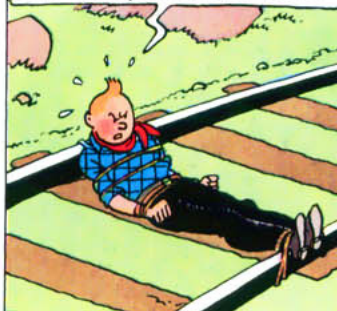
Well done, Jake... As you see, Mister Smartypants, he knows how to use a rope...

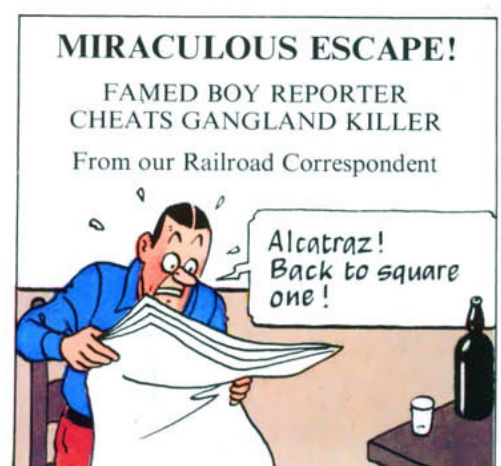
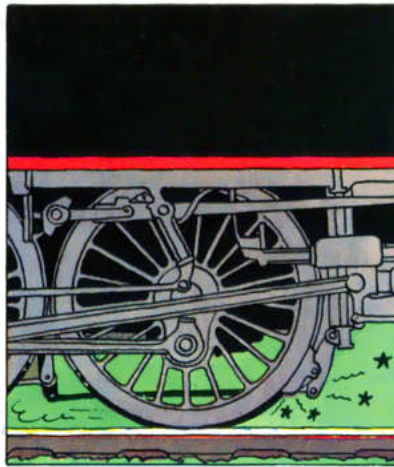
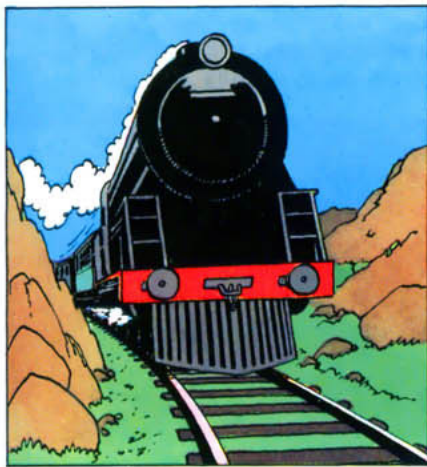


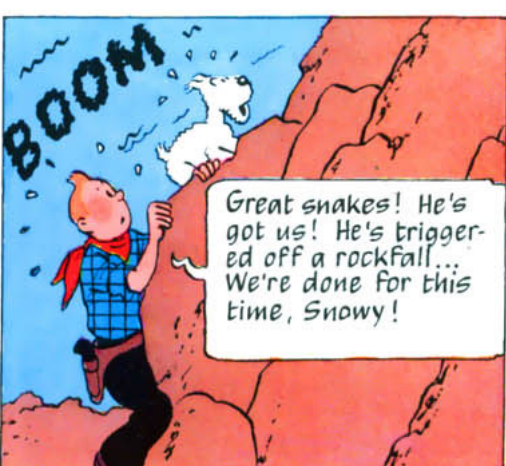
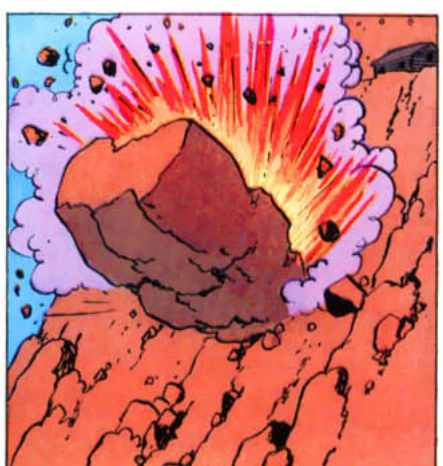
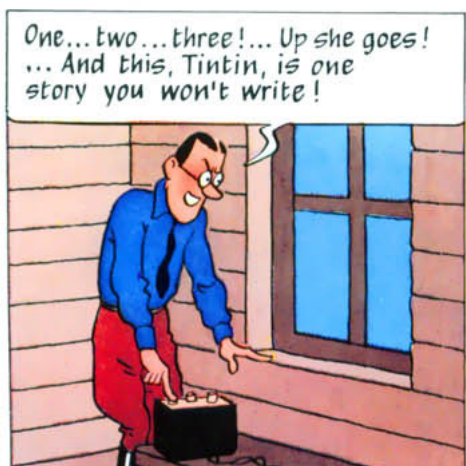
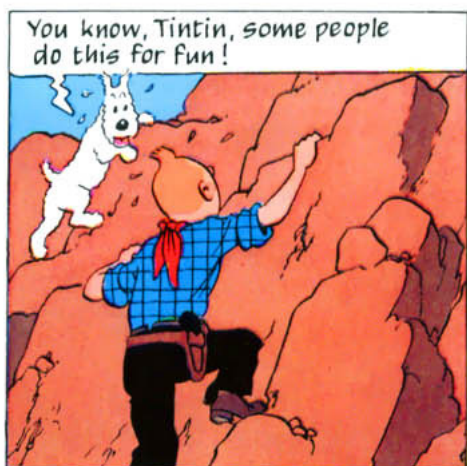
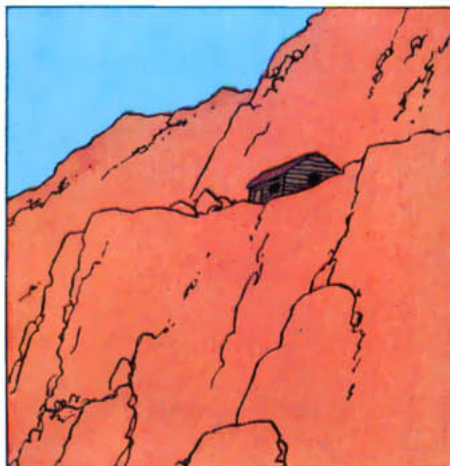
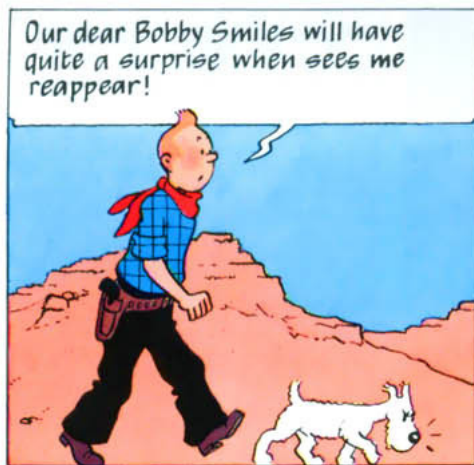
So long, pal!... You have just fifteen minutes... to think about what happens to clever little guys who try to put the skids under Bobby Smiles!



I'm done for! That fellow knows his job: these knots are like iron. Tintin, my friend, this time you're finished!







I had to blow up half the mountain, but, boy, it did the trick!



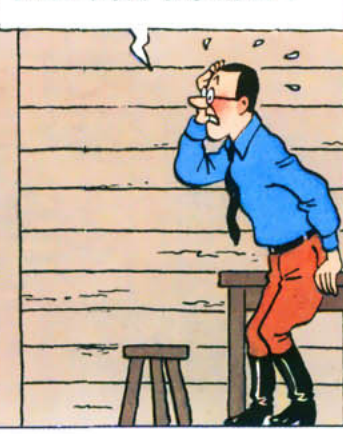
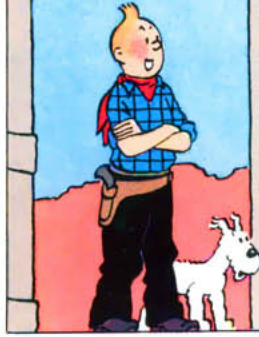
Tintin, my dear departed friend, here's to you!



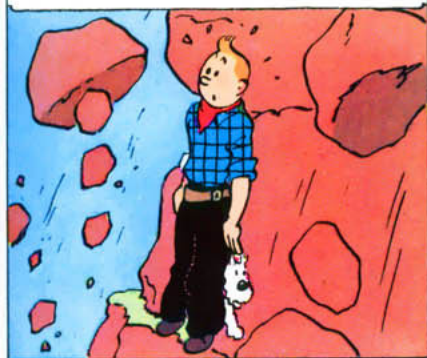
And to you, too!



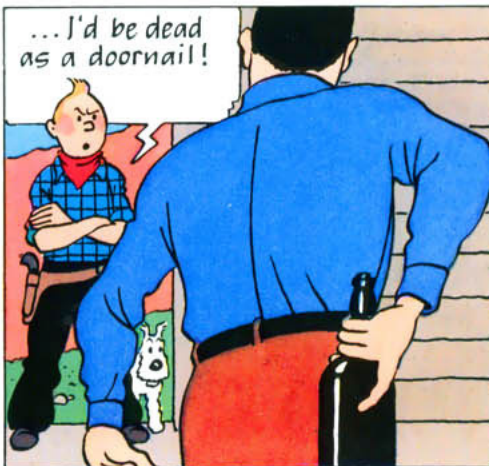
Back from the dead!



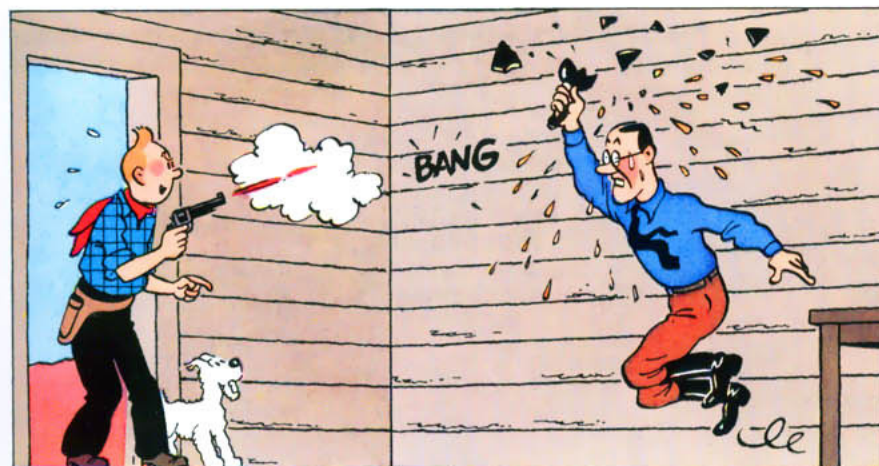
Back from the dead, indeed! If I hadn't been protected by an overhanging rock ...



... I'd be dead as a doornail!



Well, better late than never!



Believe me, it's far better to give in. As you see, I always get there in the end.



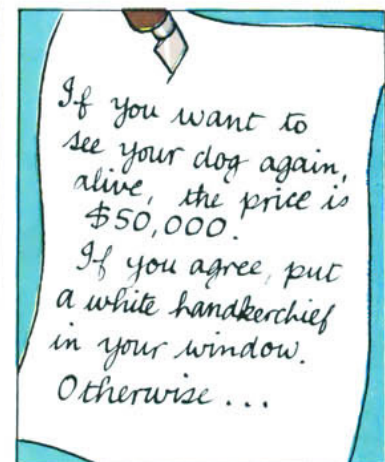
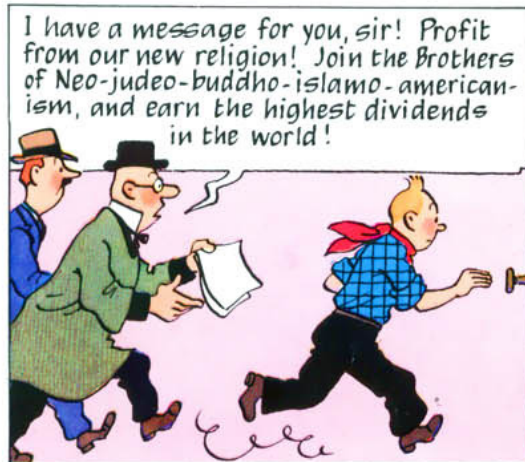
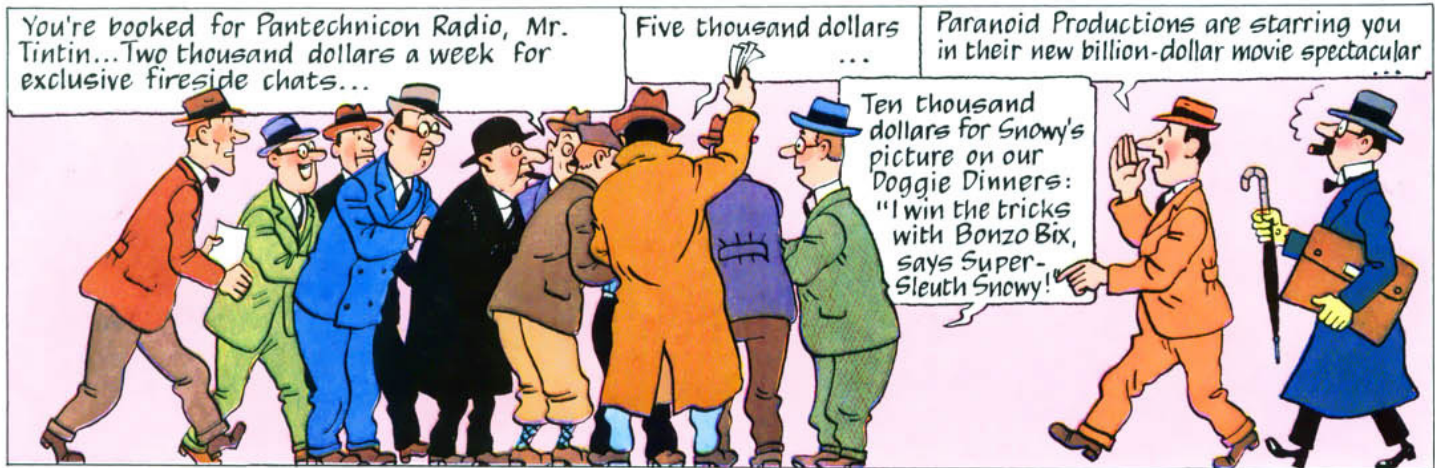
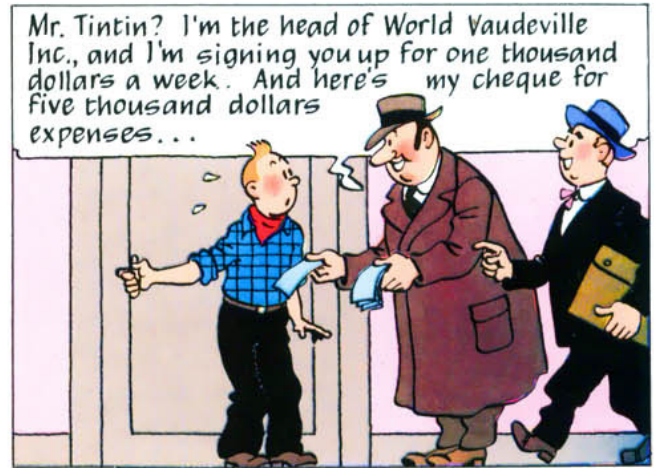
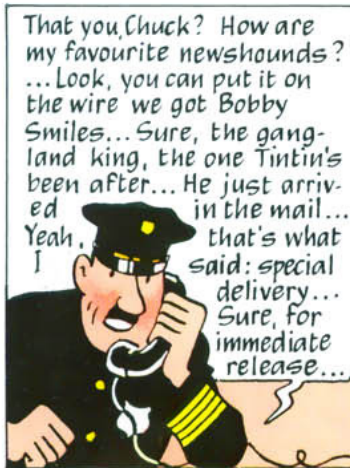
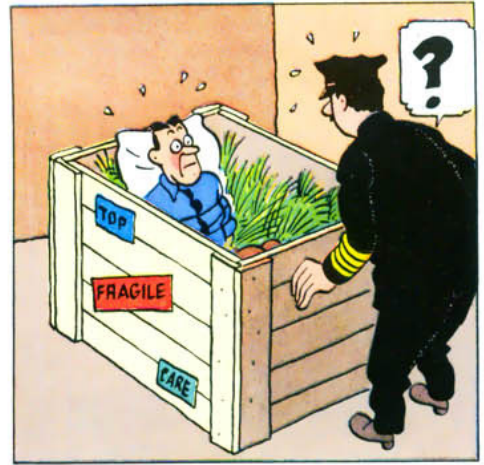
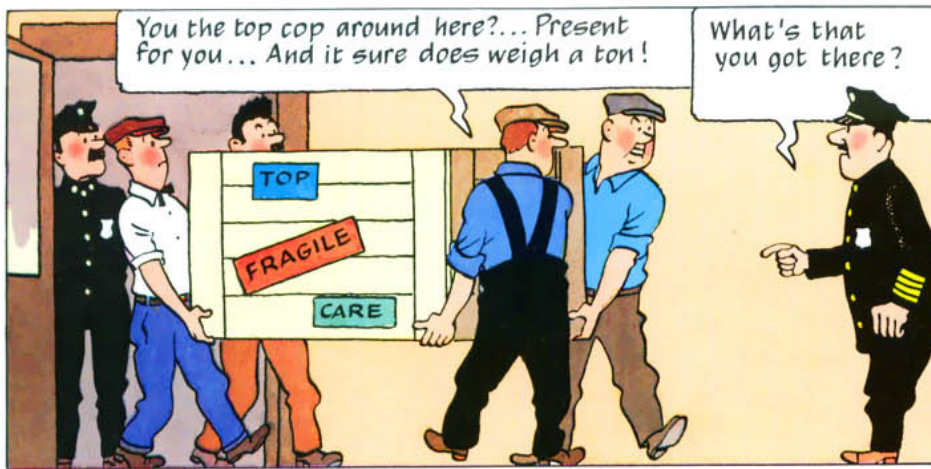
Three days later, in Chicago ...

Hello? ... Yeah? ... Chief of Police? ... That's me! ... Tintin? Nope! Not a squeak ... Been gone a long while now ... Trouble? ... Sure is! ... Nope ... Ain't heard a word ...

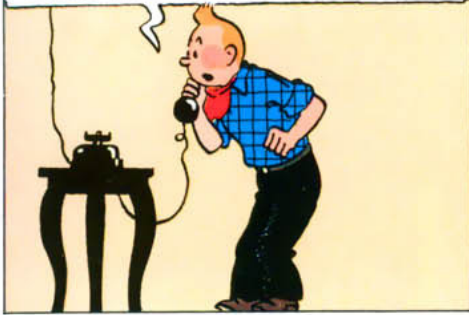


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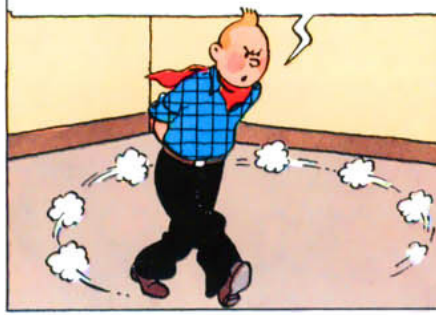




Hello, hello! Reception?... This is Tintin!... My dog's been kidnapped ... Yes, Snowy! Don't let anyone leave the hotel... What?... Your house detective?... Good...

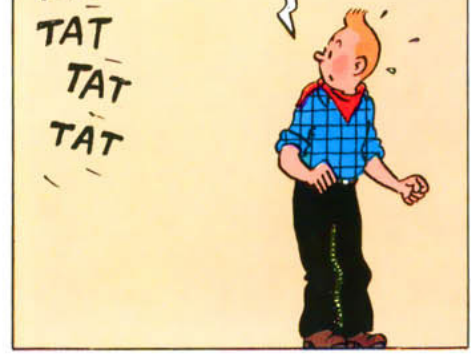


What can I do?... What can I do?... If I refuse, Snowy dies! But give in to threats? Never!... So, what can I do?... What?... What?...



RAT
TAT
TAT
TAT

Come in!



You're Tintin?... OK... Someone took your dog. Ransom. You're stuck, huh? Right, ain't it?... Good... See? Nobody can fool me for one instant, no siree!... Let me introduce self: Mike MacAdam, hotel detective.



H-how d'you do?

Mind if I begin detecting?



Right, here's the picture... Your dog's asleep. Someone comes in. Chloroforms the pooch. Puts him in a sack ... the kidnapper is thirty-three years and six weeks old. Speaks English with an Eskimo accent. Smokes "Paper Dollar" cigarettes.

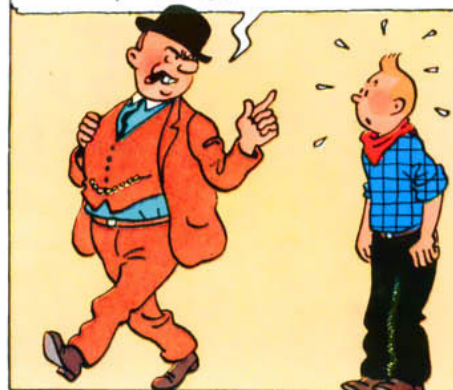


Wears an undershirt and has matching garters... Easily identified by a tattoo-mark on his left shoulder-blade...

The kidnapper has a slight limp with the right foot; cut himself trimming a corn the day before yesterday. And one more detail: snores in his sleep... When I tell you, sir, his grandfather was scalped by the Sioux forty years ago, and he has a profound dislike for birdsnest soup, you know everything I've spotted from a quick look round.



I'll be back within the hour... with your dog, of course.



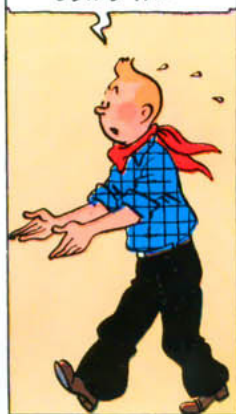
What powers of deduction! ... And what assurance! ... A real Sherlock Holmes! I really didn't think detectives like that existed, except in books!



An hour later...



Come in!



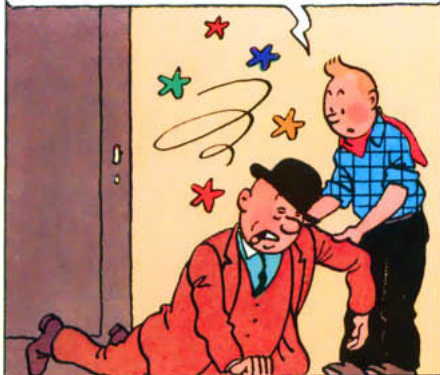
Hey presto!... Your dog!



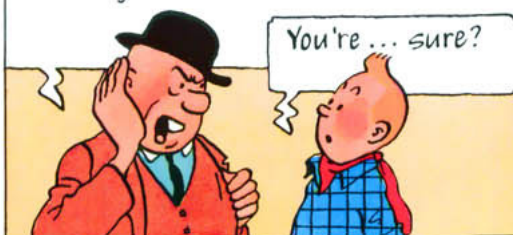
Monster!... You! ... You stole my little Fritz!



Ouchh! The good lady certainly didn't spare the rod!

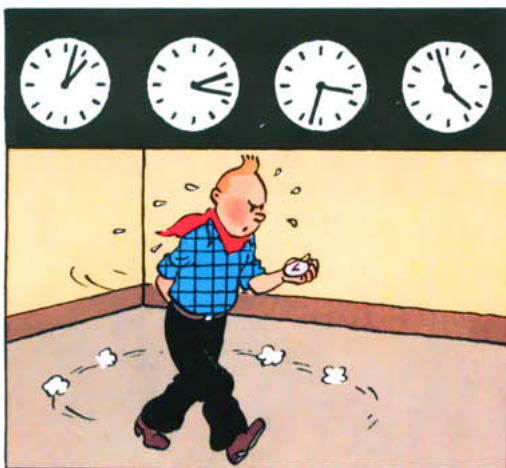
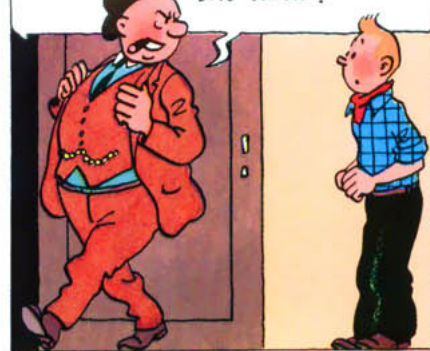


The good lady?... What's all this about a good lady?... The attacker, sir, hit me over the head with a Javanese club. It was a man, twenty-two years old, with two back teeth missing. Wears rubber-soled shoes and is a regular reader of the "Saturday Evening Post".

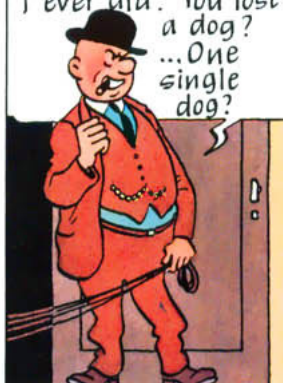


You're ... sure?

Sure I'm sure! This time he won't escape me. You'll have your dog back within the hour!



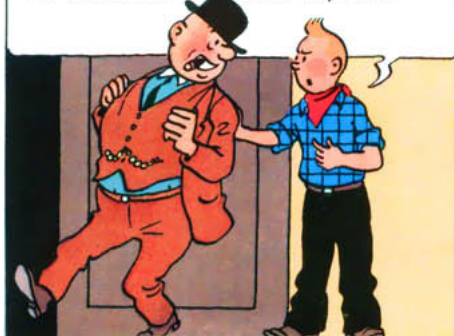
Solving this case, sir, is the best job I ever did. You lost a dog? ...One single dog?



Well, sir... I found you seventeen. And every one a pedigree pooch!...



Well done. Thank you very much. But we've already spent enough time getting nowhere. I think I'll continue the case myself.



Chicago Tribune! ... New York Herald! ... Daily News! ...



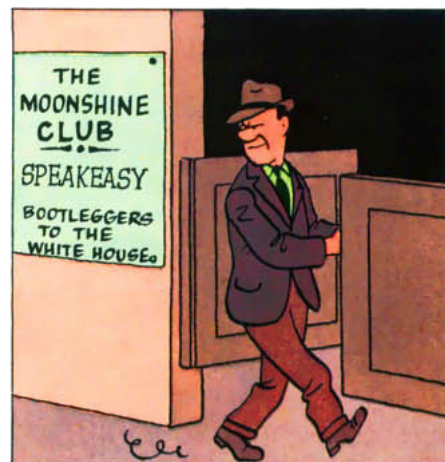
Aha! The white handkerchief in the window... He's gonna pay up!

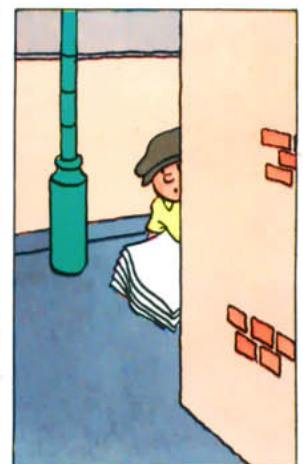
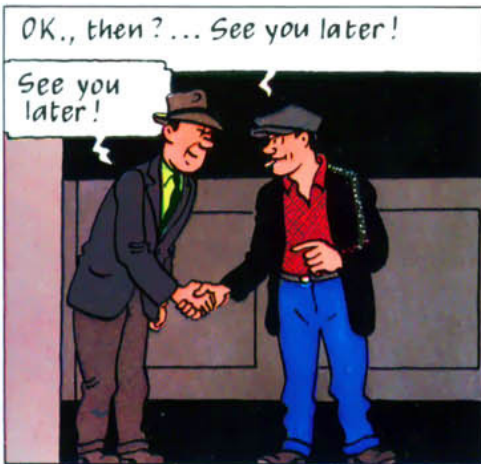
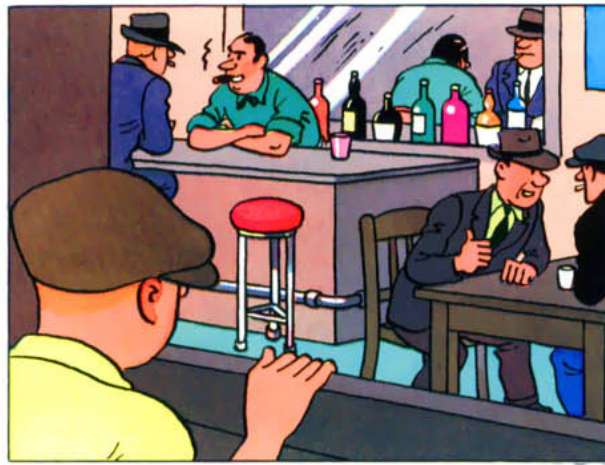


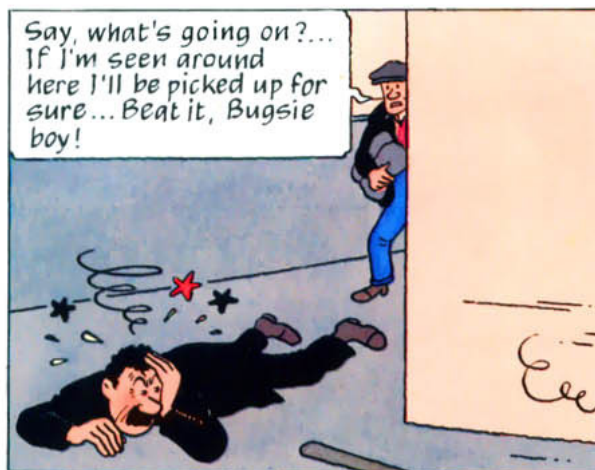
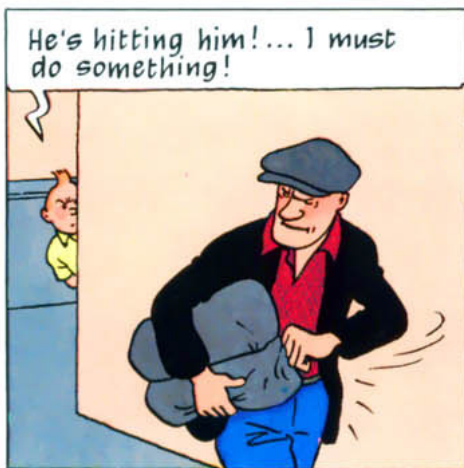
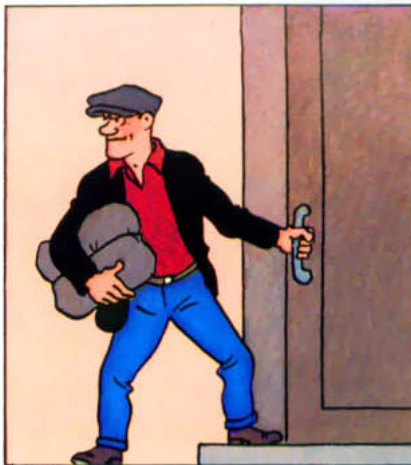
Give me a Tribune, a Times, a Herald, a News and a Globe... the lot!



Still nothing in the papers... That's good: means he hasn't called in the cops!







You there! Yes you, baby-face! Come with me!



Here he is, sir! Little hoodlum!



Name and occupation?



Tintin, reporter...



You have to pardon me, Mr Tintin, for keeping you so long...



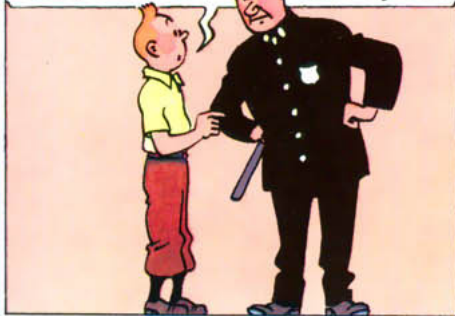
The trouble is, now I've lost track of the kidnapper... I'd better go back to the place I last saw him and try to pick up the trail.



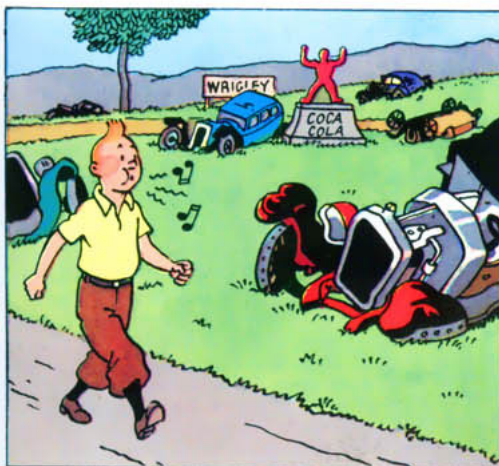
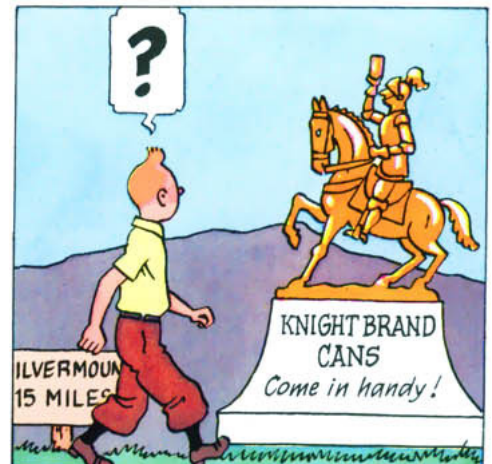
This is where I hit that poor policeman by mistake... Let's see, I reckon this is the way he went ...



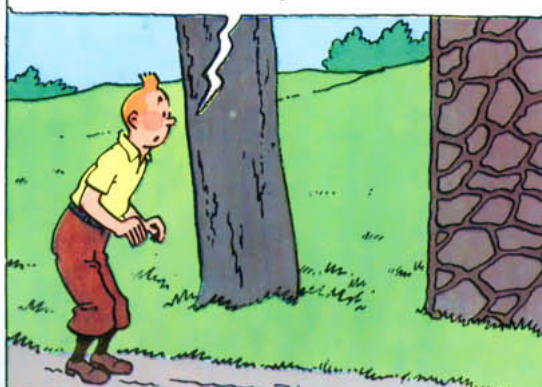
Excuse me, officer, but have you by any chance seen a man in a cloth cap, with a large parcel under his arm? Somewhere here, about an hour ago?...



Yeah, I noticed the guy. Came past here. Then over there, on the corner, he got into a red sedan ... seemed to be waiting for him. They took off in the direction of Silvermount.



A red sedan? A red sedan just came out of those gates...



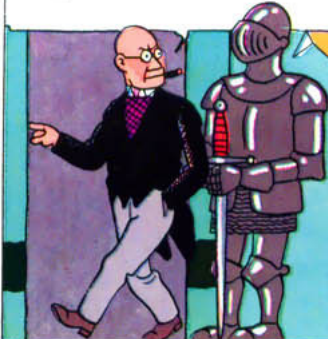
Could be...



So you got away scot free after your third job... That's great, great. Now, listen to this... I'm planning that we turn our little venture into a regular business operation. Everything legit. We'll advertise, something like: "Need a snatch? Call the experts, KID-NAP INC. Speedy, discreet, and our victims never talk... guaranteed. Town and country service."



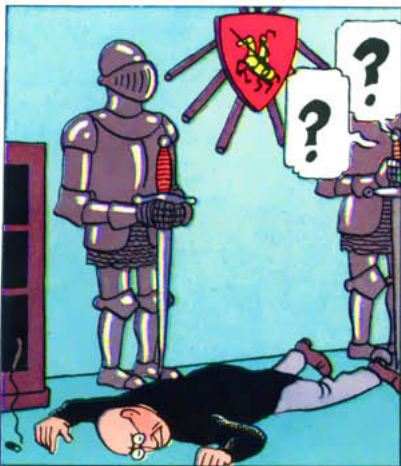
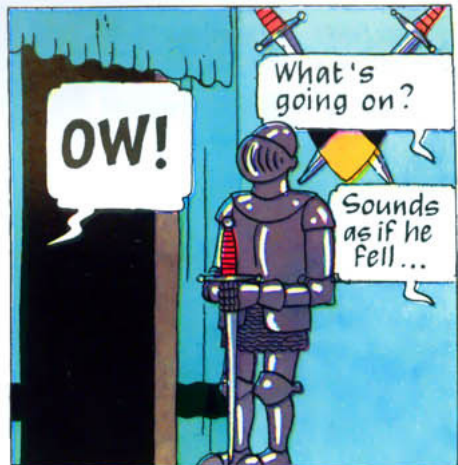
Excuse me while I fetch you the byelaws of our future corporation...



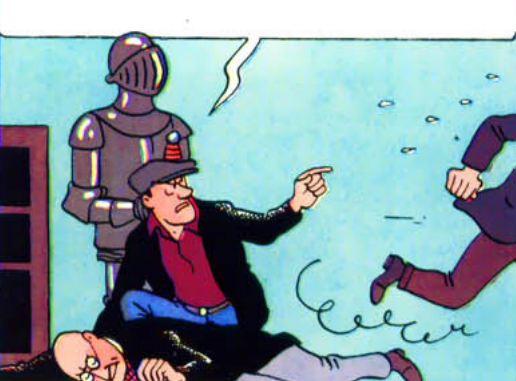
OW!

What's going on?

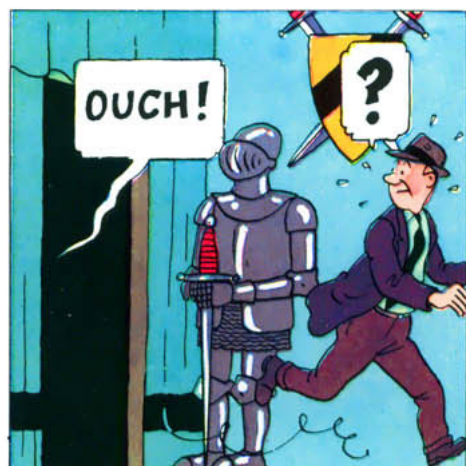
Sounds as if he fell...



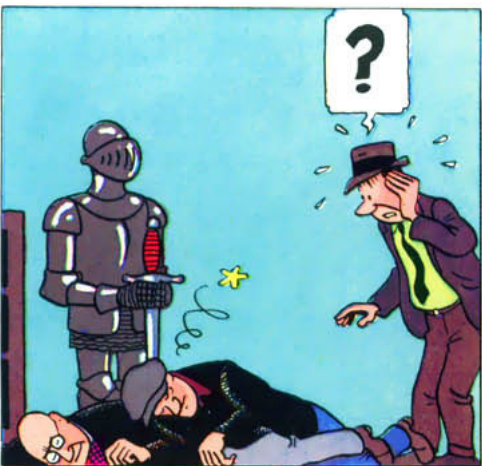
Looks like he could have had a stroke... Quick, go get him some water...



OUCH!



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Bugsie! Hey, Bugsie! Wake up!



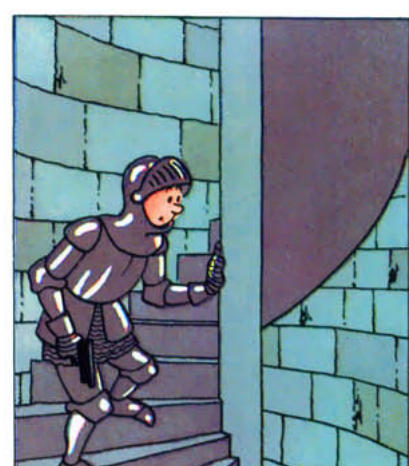
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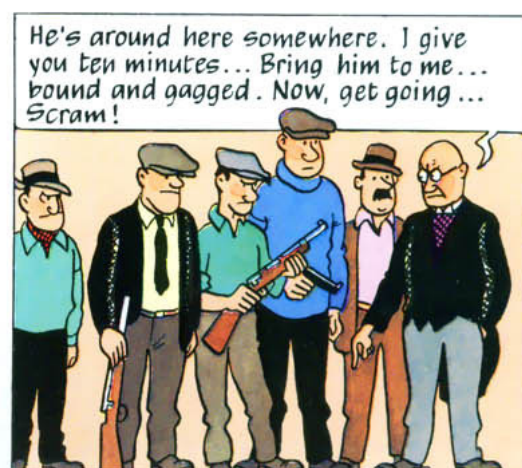
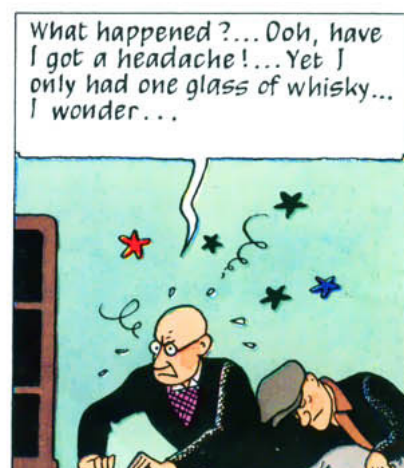
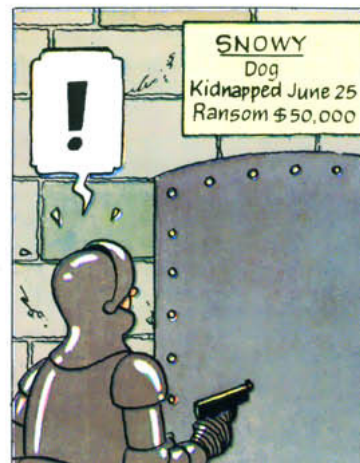
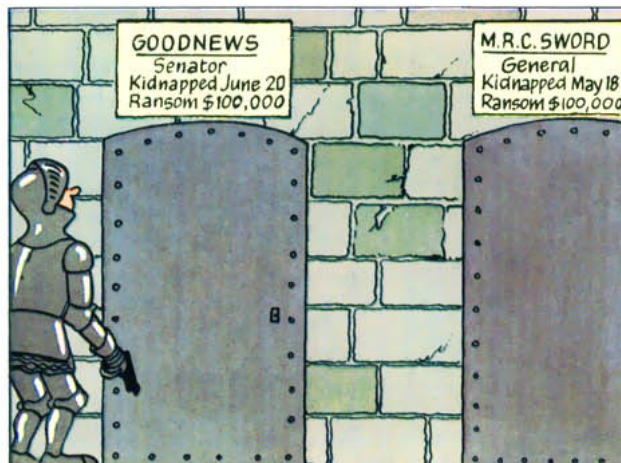


Good work!... Phew! I was beginning to cook inside here...

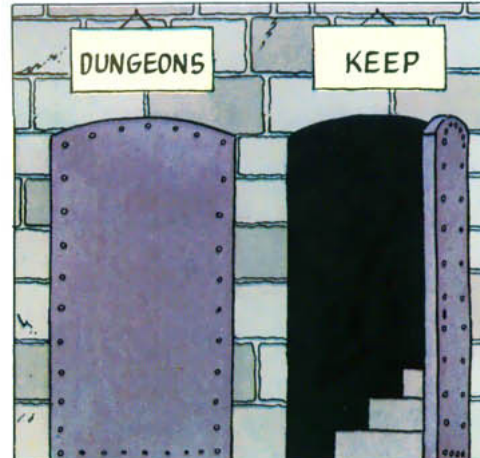
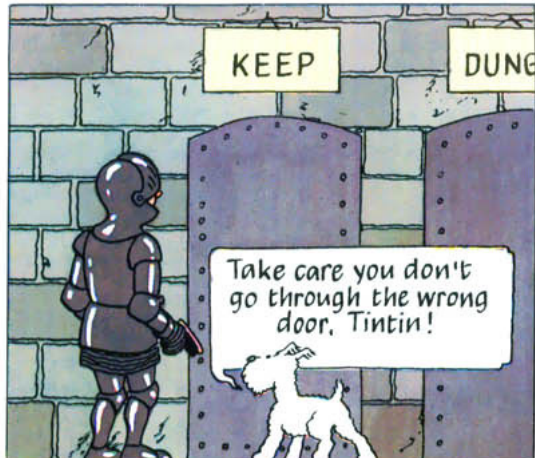


Now they're safely out of the way, I must look for Snowy...





At least a dozen of them after us. I can hear their footsteps already.



He went this way... Look, he left the door open...



There! All gone in! Full house!



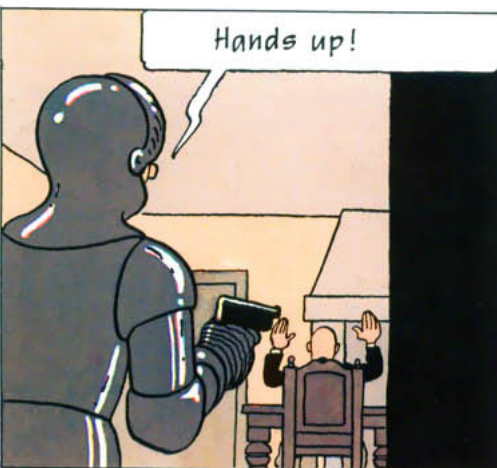
What about that, eh Snowy?... No one noticed the signs had been switched... So now we lock them all in the keep.



Now that bunch are under lock and key, we must take care of the other three.



Half an hour! It's half an hour since they left, and not one single sound have I heard. It's positively creepy...



Next morning...

...Number one reporter Tintin triumphs again with a gang of dangerous crooks handed over to the police... a kidnap syndicate busted by the the young sleuth. The cops also netted an important haul of confidential files. Still at large is the gang's mastermind, now the object of intense police activity...



The object of intense police activity!... Ha! ha! ha!... The "object" is going to show what he thinks of your activities... He's got another card up his sleeve! ... Hello?... Maurice?... Yes, it's me... You still with Grynde?



Next morning...

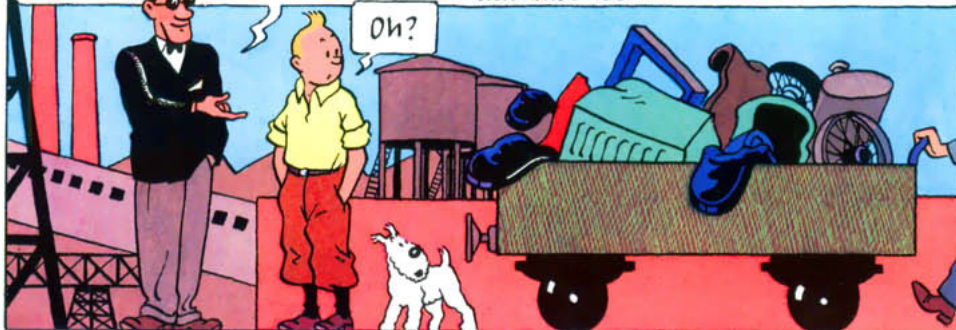
THE DIRECTORS OF
GRYNDE
HAVE PLEASURE IN INVITING
Mr. Tintin
TO VISIT
THEIR NEW PLANT

Well, well! An invitation to see the Grynde cannery. That should be extremely interesting. I think I'll go...

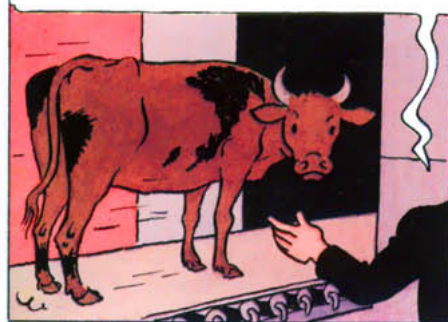


Correction!
We'll go,
you mean.

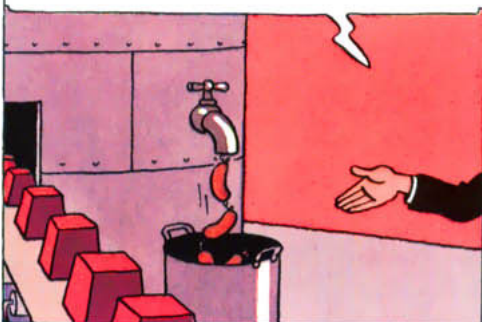
An economy measure to beat the depression... We do a deal with the automobile plants. They send us scrap cars and we convert them into top-grade corned-beef cans. We reciprocate by collecting old corned-beef cans and we ship them to the car producers for reprocessing into super-sport automobiles...



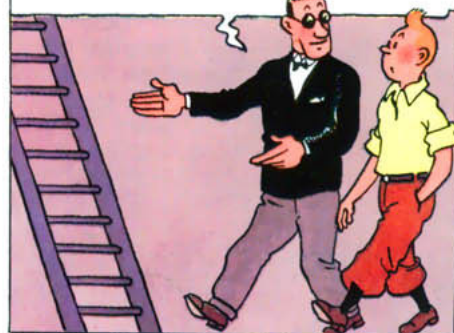
You see this huge machine? Here's how it works. The cattle go in here on a conveyor belt, nose to tail...



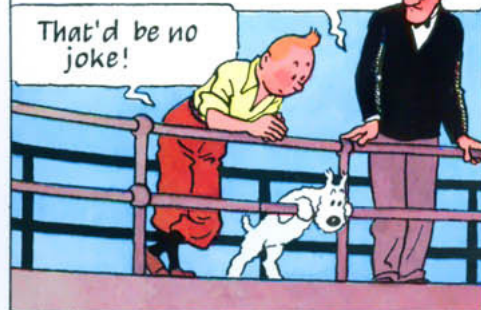
...and come out the other end as corned-beef, or sausages, or cooking-fat, or whatever. It's completely automatic...



Now, you keep right behind me and I'll show you how the processor works...

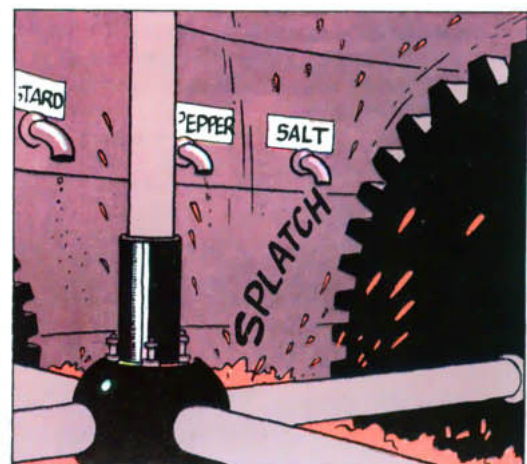


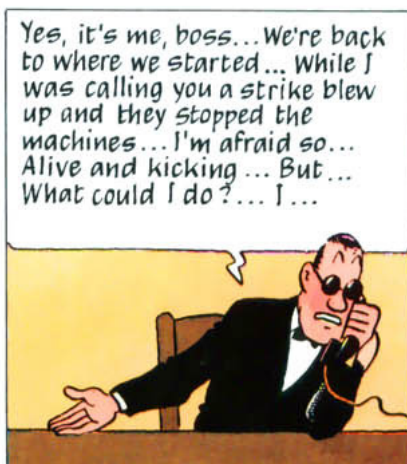
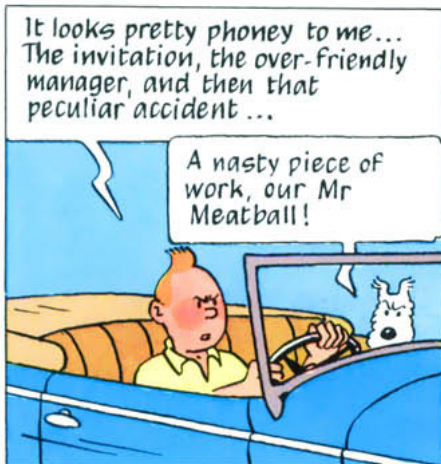
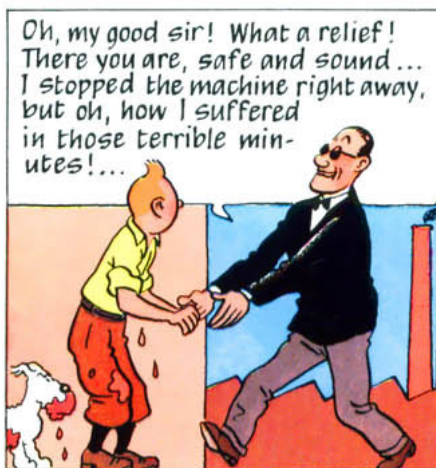
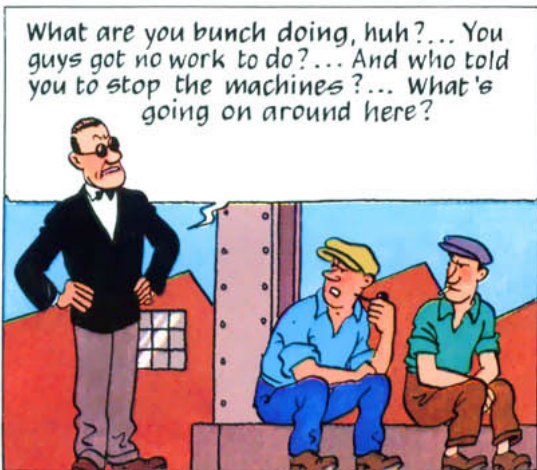
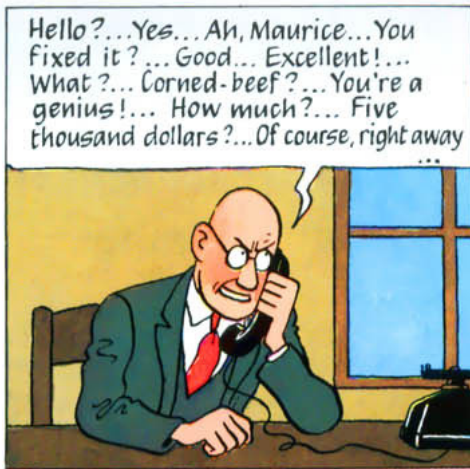
If you fell in there you'd be mashed in a trice by those enormous grinders... Look, down there, below you...



That'd be no
joke!

Ha! ha! ha! ha!





But boss... Don't hang up, boss... I... Hello?... Hello?... Heck!... He's hung up on me!



Aha! Just as well I slipped back... You hear some interesting things around here!



Now what's he playing at?



I'm in the doghouse!



Hello?... Yes?... You again, Maurice?... Now what do you want?... Oh?... Oho!... Good... That's very good! Well done. That's really great... I'll be there in five minutes... Be seeing you, Maurice!



Mr Maurice Oyle, please.



Mr Oyle is expecting you, sir.



GRYNDE CORP.

Hello, my dear Maurice.



What?... Are you joking?... You say you didn't call?... You aren't playing me for a sucker, by any chance?... Well... Are you?

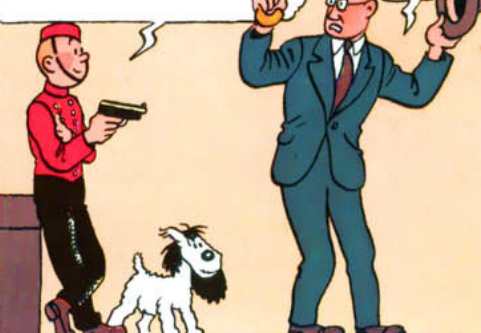


Golly! What a racket in there... Tintin's phone call did the trick!

OK! That'll teach you not to play games with me!



It's a mistake to leave your pistol lying about, my dear chap!



A mistake?... You think so?... Not really: that gun's empty.



This is a far more effective weapon; my trusty sword-stick...

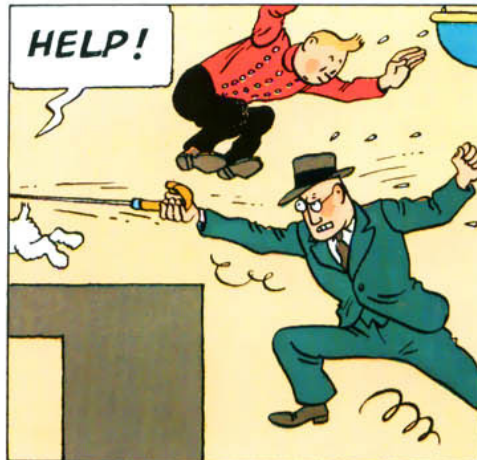
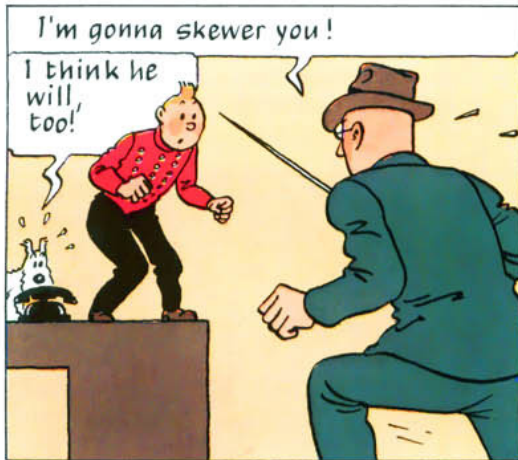
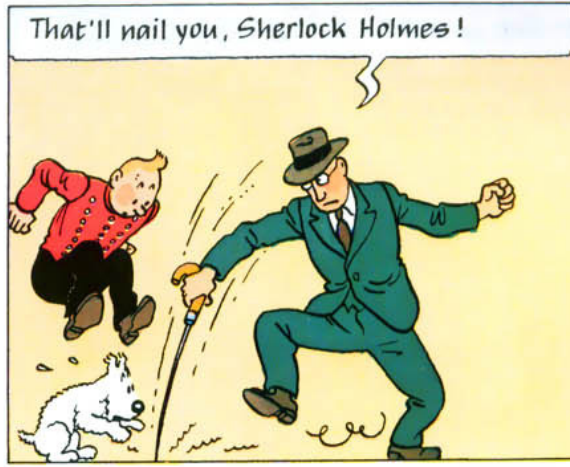


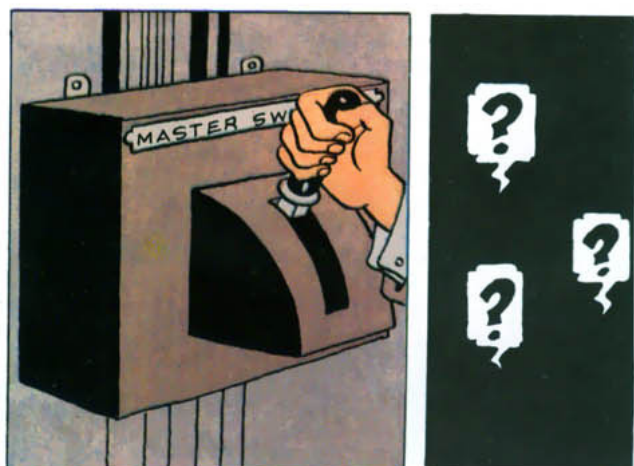
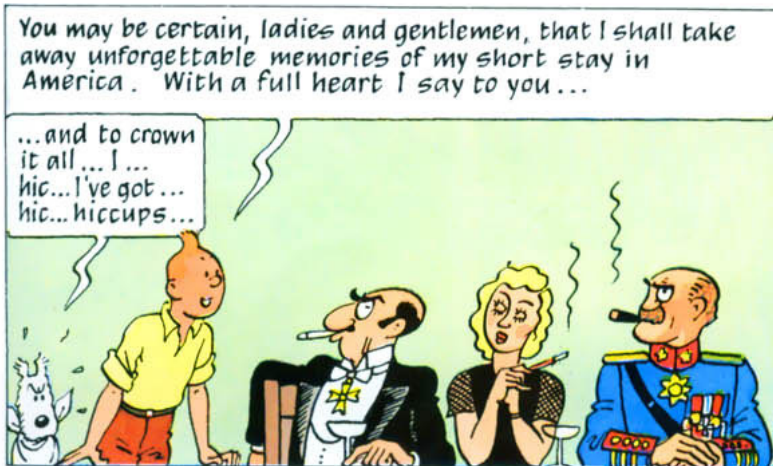
... and it's going to put a stop to your nasty habit of meddling in things that don't concern you... It's going to cure you... permanently!

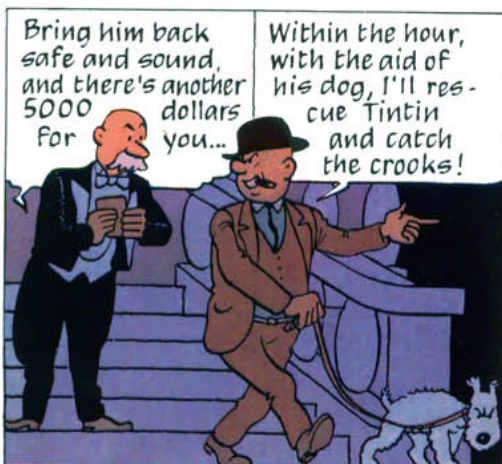
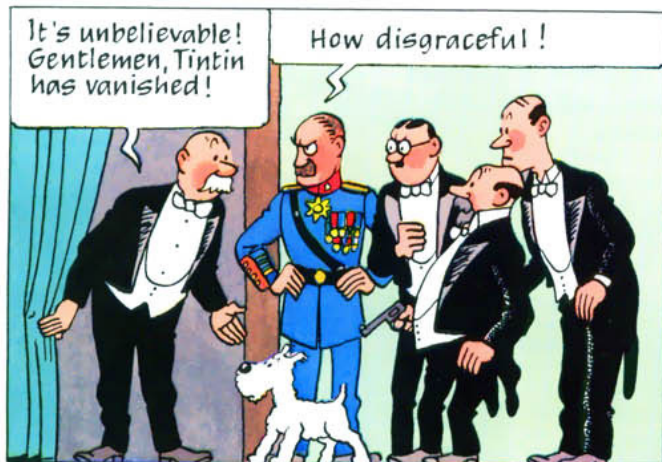
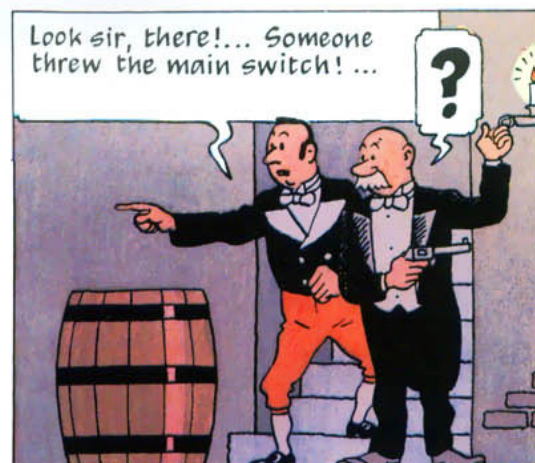


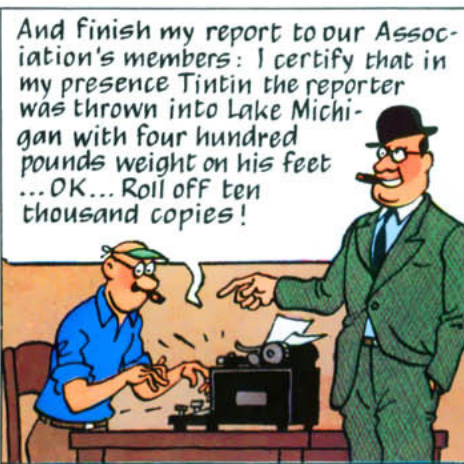
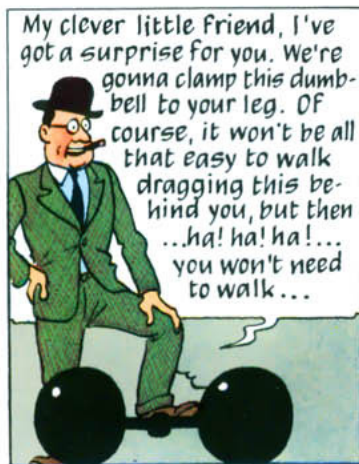
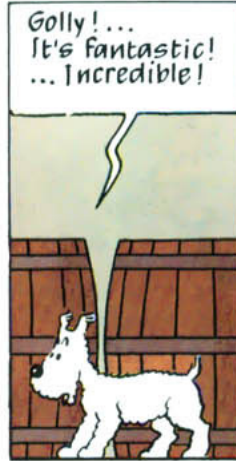
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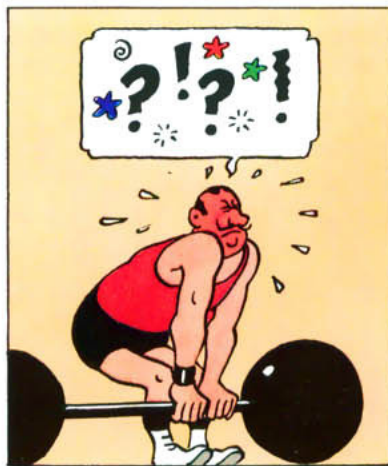
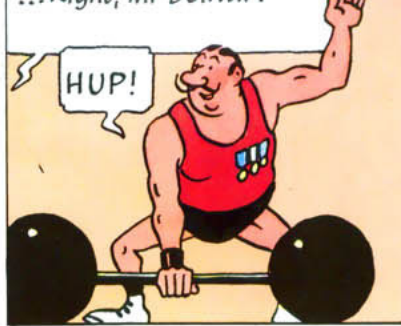
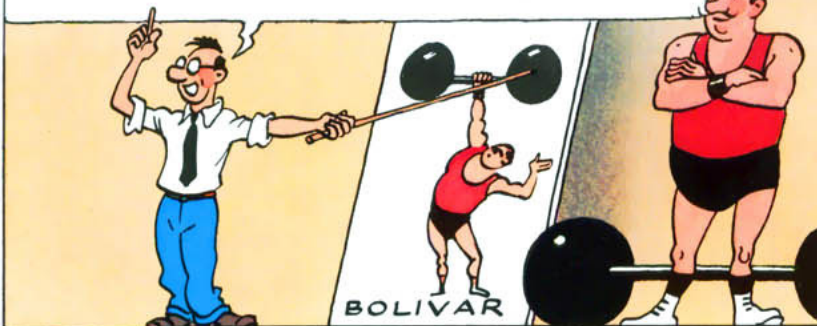


Ladies and gentlemen! It is my privilege and pleasure to present the strongest man in the world... I give you the Great Bolivar!... Mr Billy Bolivar... Before your very eyes he will perform amazing feats of strength...

The single-handed snatch, the speciality of the Great Bolivar... Mr Billy Bolivar... The lift with a laugh! ... Right, Mr Bolivar!

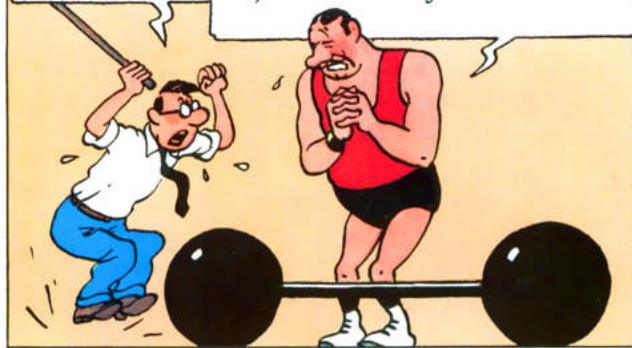
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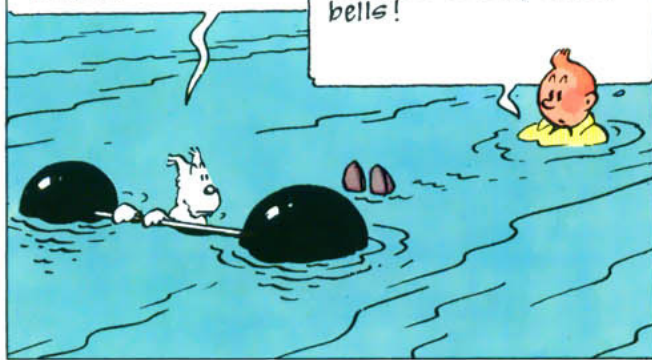
What sort of stunt is this, huh?

Please sir, it isn't my fault... I... I don't understand... Someone... someone switched my wooden weights!

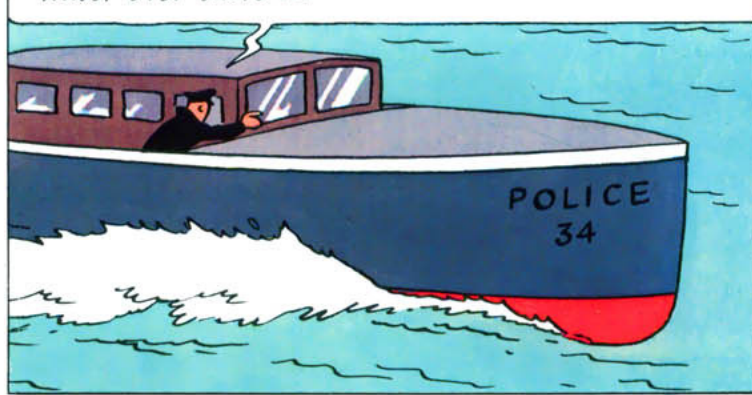


This make any sense to you, Tintin?

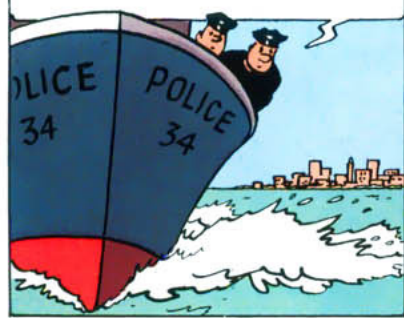
None at all! All I know is, we've managed to acquire floating dumb-bells!



Hard a'port, Dick!... Something floating on the water over there...



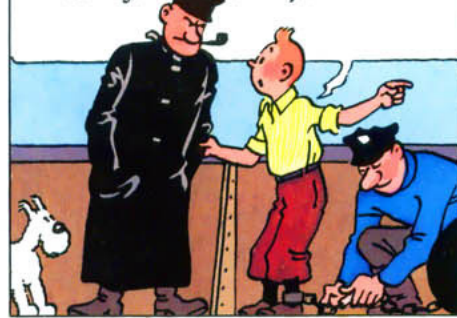
Jeepers!... Fantastic!... Just take a look at that... A feller hooked to a dumb-bell... and he's floating!



Now I get it... The dumb-bell's made of wood...



Quick, officer, we need reinforcements!... I was dumped in the water by gangsters. I know their hideout. We must arrest them right away!



Hey!... You!... I recognise you!... You're Tintin, ain't that so?... Well, bad luck, feller! I have to tell you this boat is just rigged up as a police patrol, and all of us, we belong to the mob who chucked you into the lake!



Quick, Tintin, quick!... Hurry!

Hang on a second, Snowy, and I'll be with you!



Watch out! There'll be more of them!...



Let them come!... I'm ready and waiting!

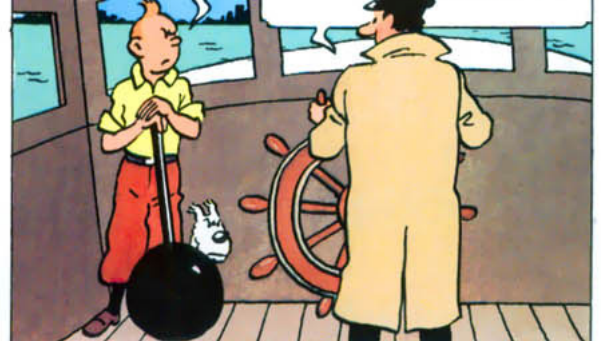


OK, pilot, what'll it be? A quick trip to the nearest police post with you at the helm, or a brief encounter with this?



...And don't try to pull a fast one. I'm watching you.

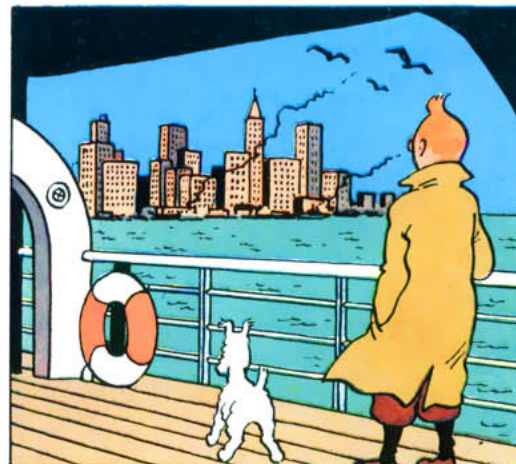
You must be Billy Bolivar!

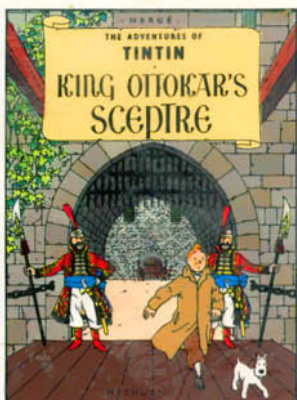
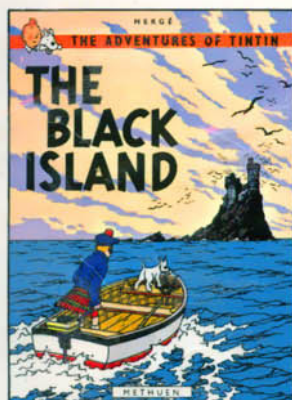
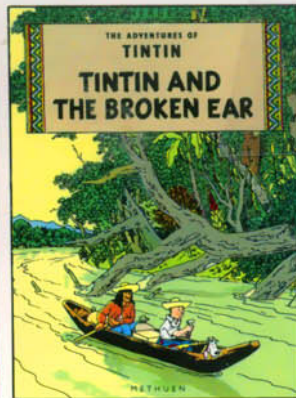
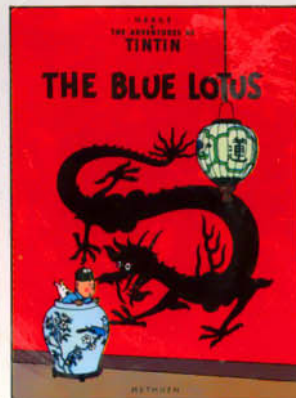
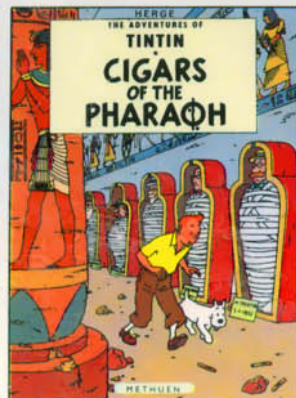
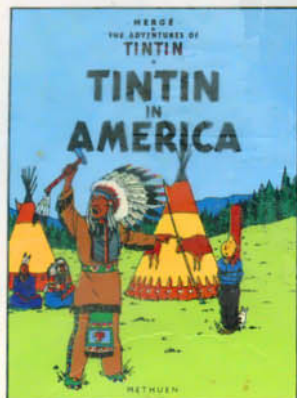


Sensational developments in the Tintin story!... The famous and friendly reporter re-appears! Tintin, missing some days back from a banquet in his honour, led police to the hideout of the Central Syndicate of Chicago Gangsters. Apprehended were 355 suspects, and police collected hundreds of documents, expected to lead to many more arrests... This is a major clean-up for the city of Chicago... Mr Tintin admitted that the gangsters had been ruthless enemies, cruel and desperate men. More than once he nearly lost his life in the heat of his fight against crime... Today is his day of glory. We know that every American will wish to show his gratitude, and honour Tintin the reporter and his faithful companion Snowy, heroes who put out of action the bosses of Chicago's underworld!



After a full round of celebrations, Tintin and Snowy embark for Europe...



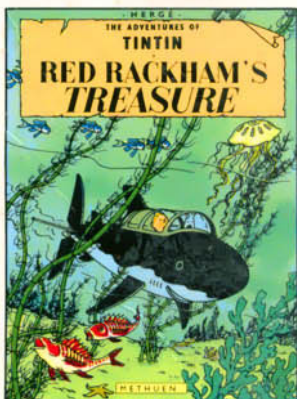
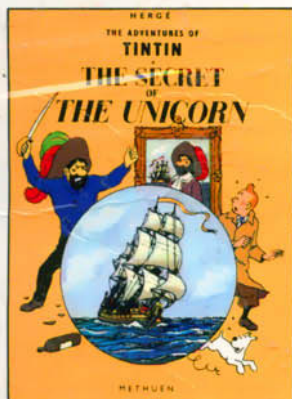
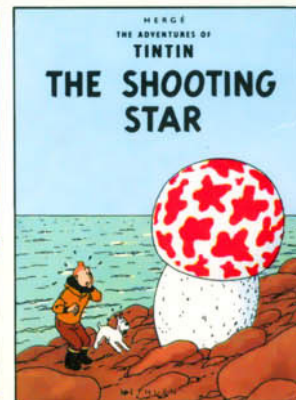
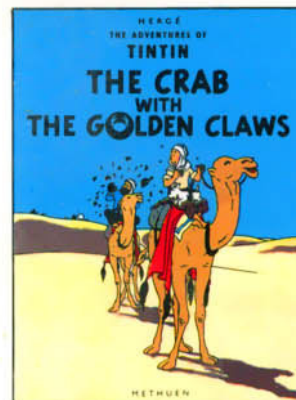


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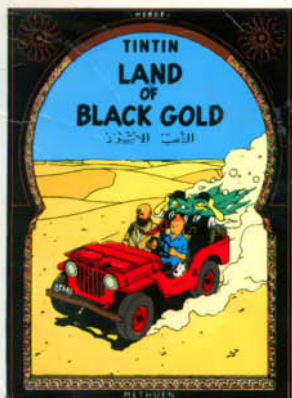
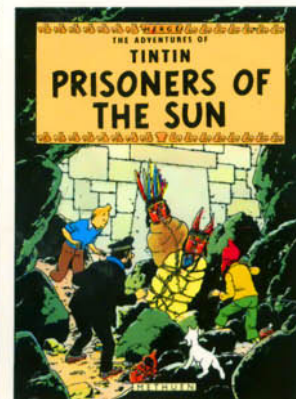
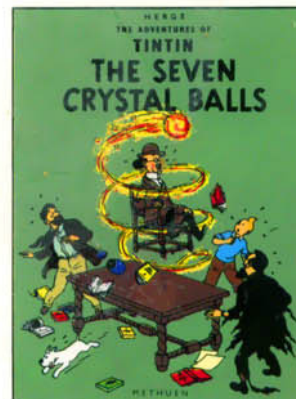
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